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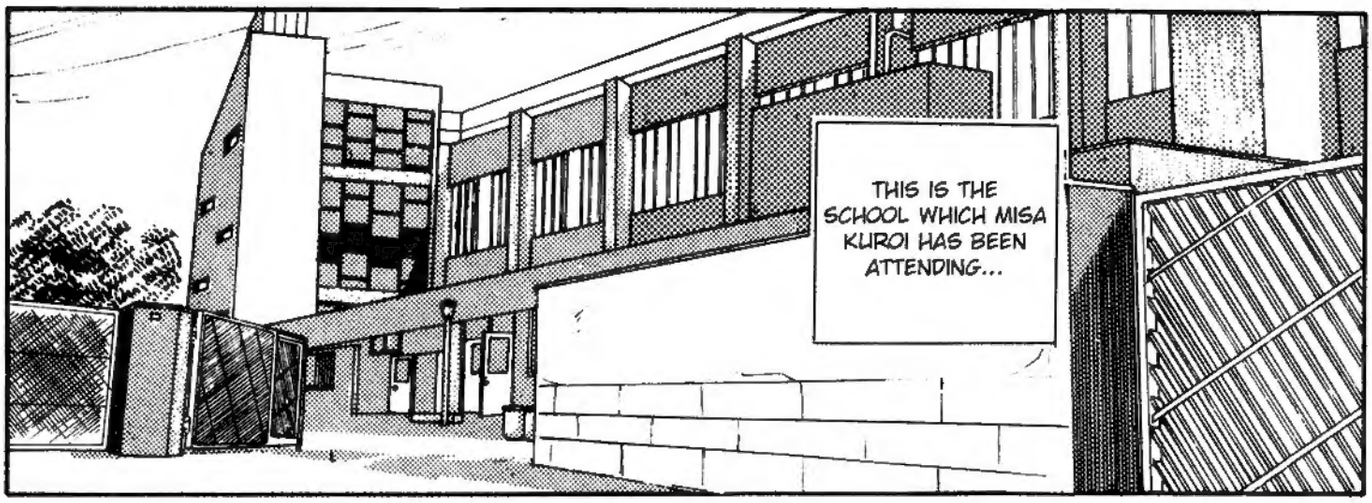
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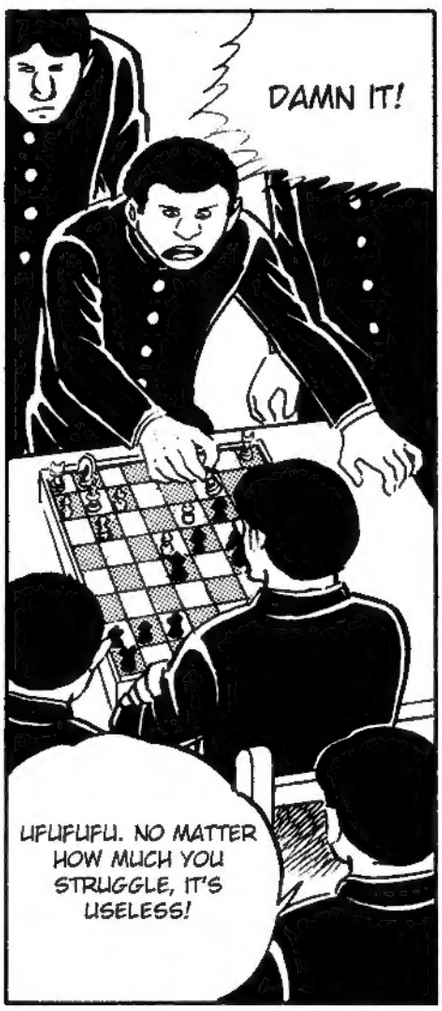
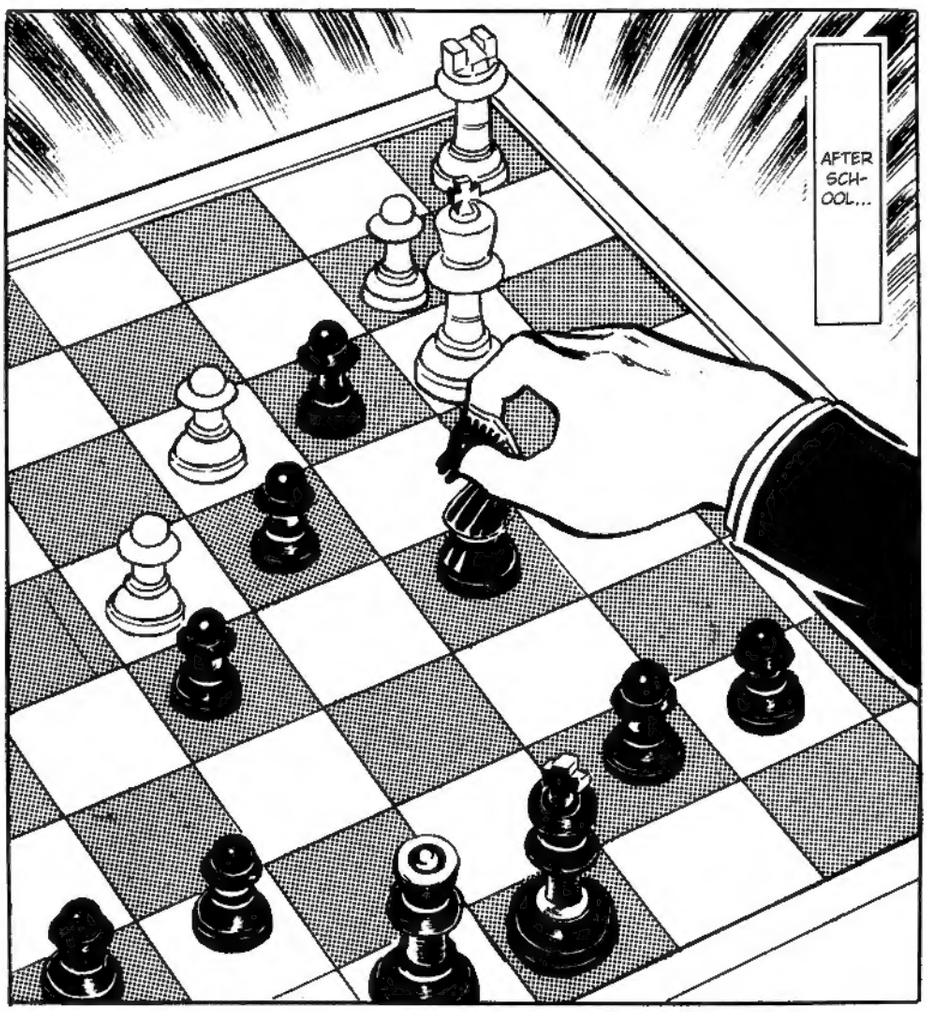

DAMN IT!
UFUFUFU. NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU STRUGGLE, IT'S USELESS!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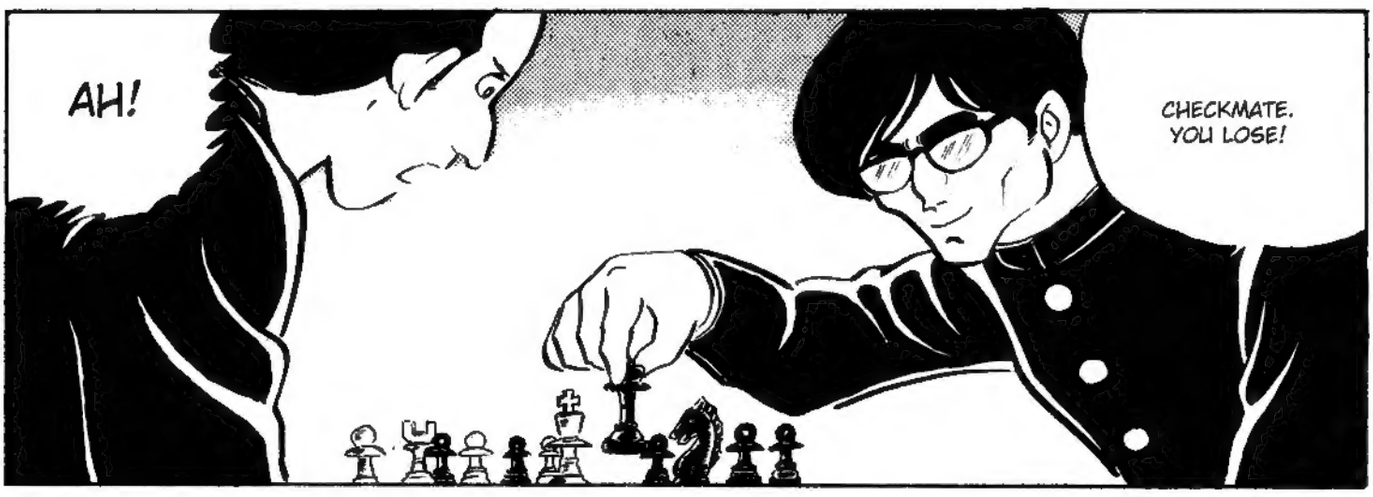
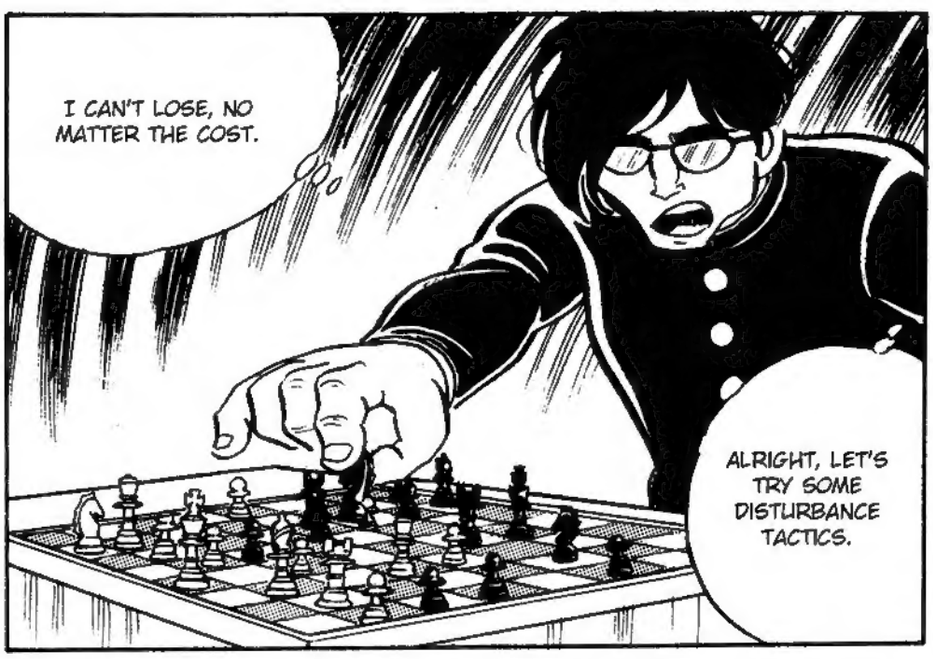

AH!
CHECKMATE. YOU LOSE!

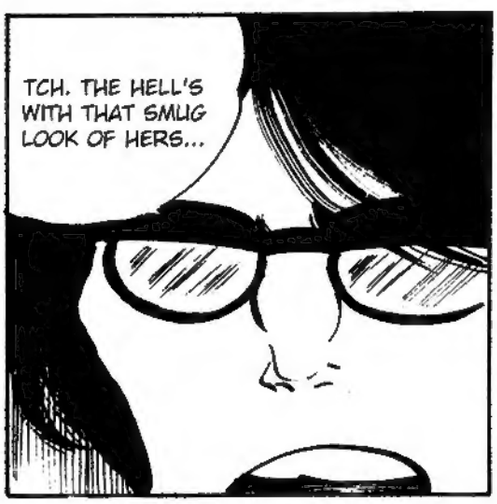
YOU'RE JUST NO MATCH FOR ME.
THINKING WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD EITHER.
HMMM...
IT'S NO FUN WHEN THERE'S NO CHALLENGE.
DOESN'T SEEM AS IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE WHO KNOWS CHESS EITHER.
HIS FATHER'S A DIPLOMAT, SO IT WAS DRILLED INTO HIM WHILE HE WAS STAYING ABROAD...
DOUMOTO-KUN IS CERTAINLY CHESS CRAZY.
THAT'S AMAZING!
MM, A LITTLE. UFUFU.
YOU CAN PLAY CHESS KUROI-SAN?
I'D LIKE TO GIVE IT A GO.

EVEN ABROAD I WAS KNOWN AS A CHESS MASTER.
FUFUFU, YOU THINK THINGS WILL GO THAT WELL?
GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT AND TAKE HIM DOWN KUROI-SAN!
DOUMOTO-KUN'S LOT WILL KEEP ON PUSHING THEIR WEIGHT AROUND IF NO-ONE BEATS THEM.
UFUFU. YOU'VE CERTAINLY A MOUTH ON YOU.
WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE PLAY.
NOT TOO SHABBY.
A PIN EH...

CHECK.
NEXT...
UUH!
YOU'RE ALREADY IN CHECK.
GOING TO FLEE.
HM!
I HAVE TO BE QUICK TO STOP TO HER ATTACK...
I MESSED UP. I TOOK THINGS EASY AS I WAS UP AGAINST A GIRL...
PLAY POORLY, AND I'LL JUST END UP SLOWLY LOSING.
THIS IS RISKY, I'VE BEEN CAUGHT UP IN HER PACE.


I CAN'T LOSE, NO MATTER THE COST.
ALRIGHT, LET'S TRY SOME DISTURBANCE TACTICS.

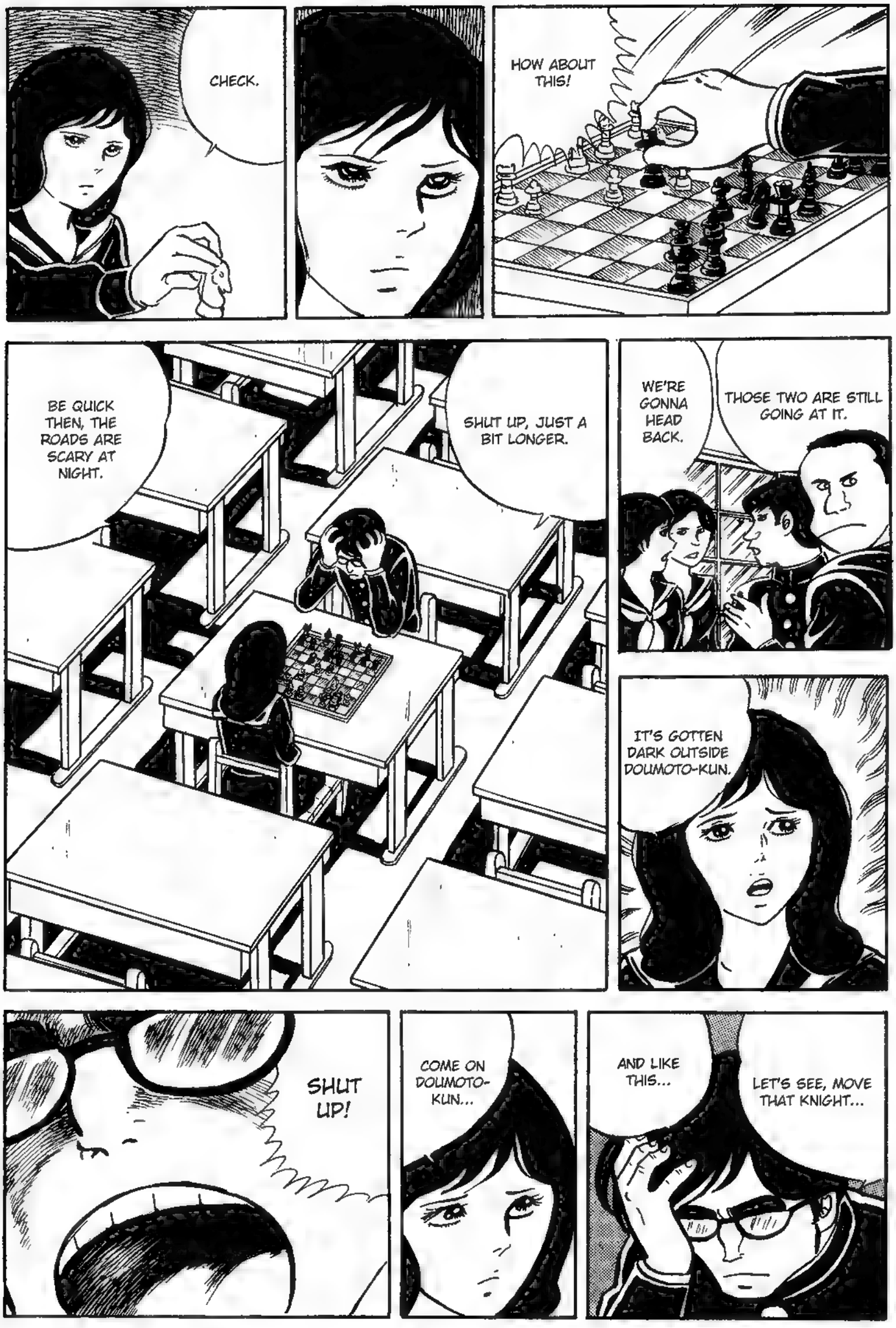
FORGET THEM THEY'VE NO POWER, THEY'RE WEAK.
WHAT'S WITH THEM. IT'S LIKE THEY ALL EXPECT ME TO LOSE.


TCH. THE HELL'S WITH THAT SMUG LOOK OF HERS...

...
KUROI'S JUST AN AMATEUR. SHE HAS TO FALL FOR MY TRAP.

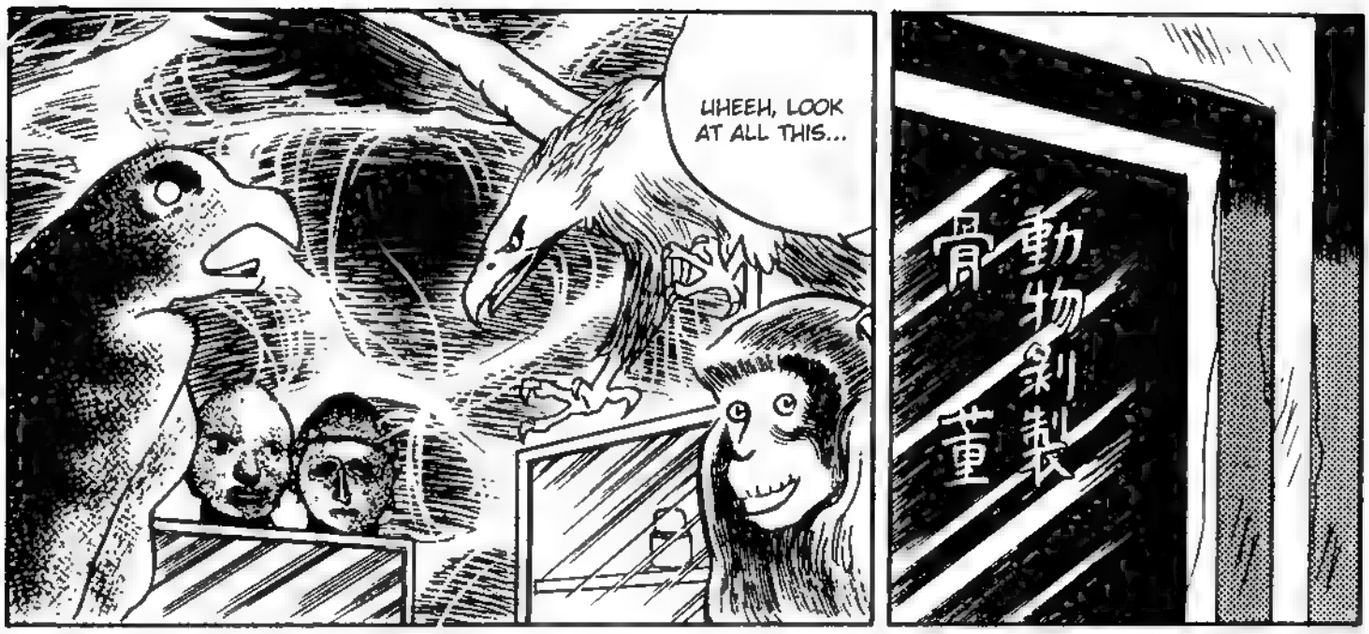
IT'S LIKE SHE CAN READ MY VERY SOUL!
SHIT... THAT COMPOSED FACE...

HOW ABOUT THIS?!


CHECK.
HOW ABOUT THIS!
BE QUICK THEN, THE ROADS ARE SCARY AT NIGHT.
SHUT UP, JUST A BIT LONGER.
WE'RE GONNA HEAD BACK.
THOSE TWO ARE STILL GOING AT IT.
IT'S GOTTEN DARK OUTSIDE DOUMOTO-KUN.
SHUT UP!
COME ON DOUMOTO-KUN...
AND LIKE THIS...
LET'S SEE, MOVE THAT KNIGHT...

BUT THE MATCH HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED.
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT A LITTLE WHILE LONGER!
H... HEY, KUROI-SAN!
UH!
!... I STRUCK HER HEAD!

APPARENTLY SHE LIVES ALL BY HERSELF.
MISA KURO! WAS ABSENT THE FOLLOWING DAY.
THIS LETTER WAS IN MY DESK...
DOUMOTO-KUN. HOW ABOUT COMING TO MY HOUSE TO SETTLE OUR CHESS MATCH. MISA KURO!
I'M SURE IT WAS AROUND HERE...
OI, LOOK. ISN'T IT THAT OLD HOUSE OVER THERE.



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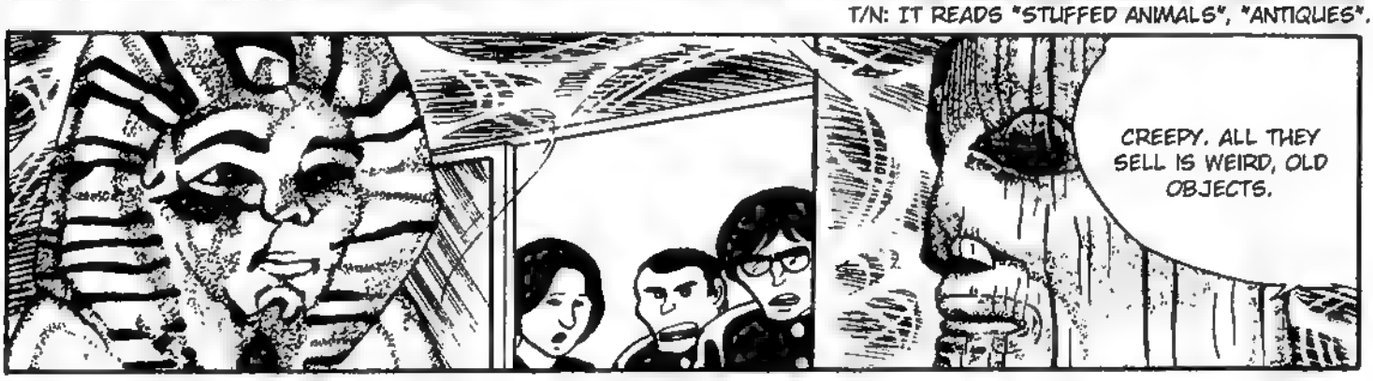
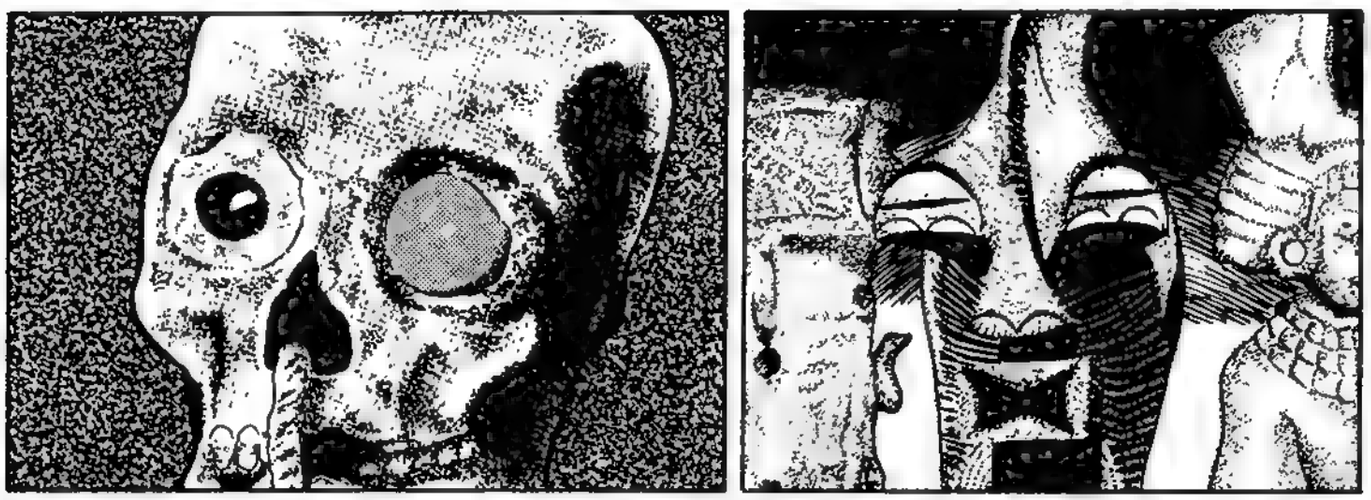
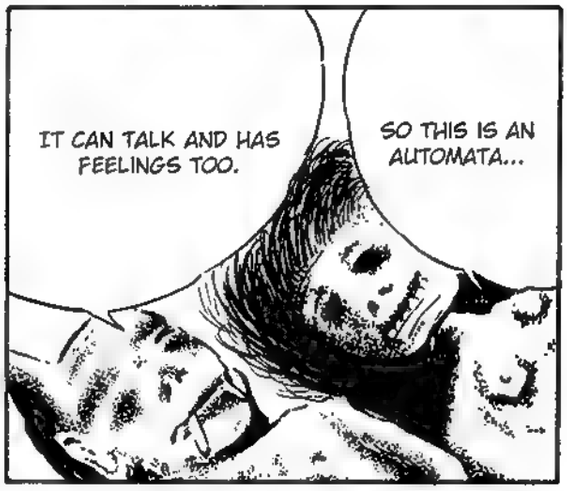




AUTOMATA
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A SPECIAL STAR IT IS ABLE TO MOVE EACH PART OF ITS BODY. IT CAN ALSO USE HUMAN SPEECH, AND HOLDS EMOTIONS OF ITS OWN.

BUT AREN'T THEY JUST PUPPETS CONTROLLED BY MAGIC.
COME OT THINK OF IT, I CAN RECALL READING IN A BOOK ABOUT HOW THE GREAT 17TH CENTURY EUROPEAN MAGICIAN, ALBERTUS, CRAFTED A FAMOUS AUTOMATA.

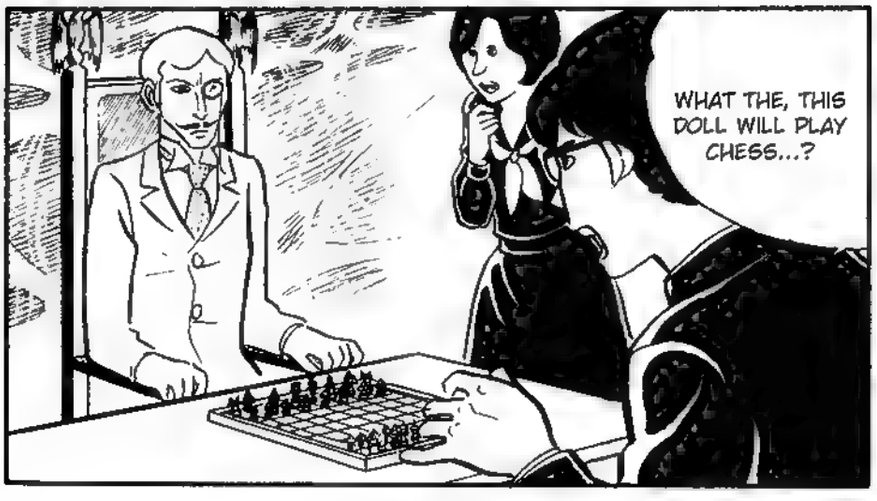

IT CAN TALK AND HAS FEELINGS TOO.
SO THIS IS AN AUTOMATA...

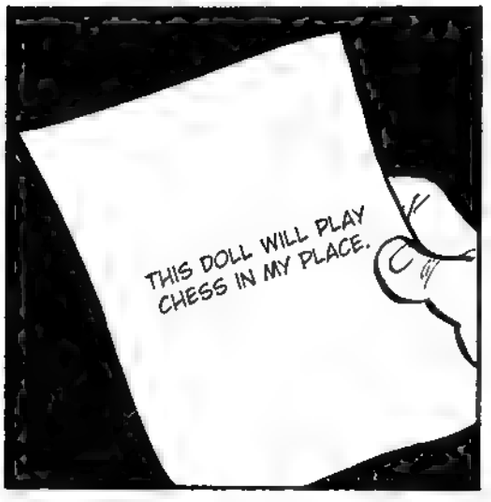
EVEN THE FAMOUS GOLEM WAS MOVED BY THE MAGIC OF A KABBALAH EXPERT.

OH, IS THAT SOMEONE OVER THERE?

NO, IT'S JUST A DOLL TOO.

THERE'S A NOTE ON THE TABLE.


WHAT THE, THIS DOLL WILL PLAY CHESS...?


THIS DOLL WILL PLAY CHESS IN MY PLACE.

YEAH, YEAH.
IT'LL BE PRETTY INTERESTING IF IT REALLY CAN PLAY CHESS. GIVE IT A SHOT.
HOLD UP.
LET'S GET BACK.
IS SHE TRYING TO MAKE FOOLS OF US! HOW CAN A DOLL PLAY CHESS?!
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IT'S GOT MECHANISMS STIRRING INSIDE OF IT!
OI, THAT'S THE SOUND OF COGS.
UH!
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HMMM. HE CAN CERTAINLY HANDLE THE PIECES WELL.
H... HOLD ON, HOLD THAT PLAY.
AAAARGH!

...
YOUR OPPONENT'S A MACHINE, HE CAN'T HEAR YOU.
HOW ABOUT THIS THEN!
DAMN IT!
THAT'S MY LOSS!
AAH!
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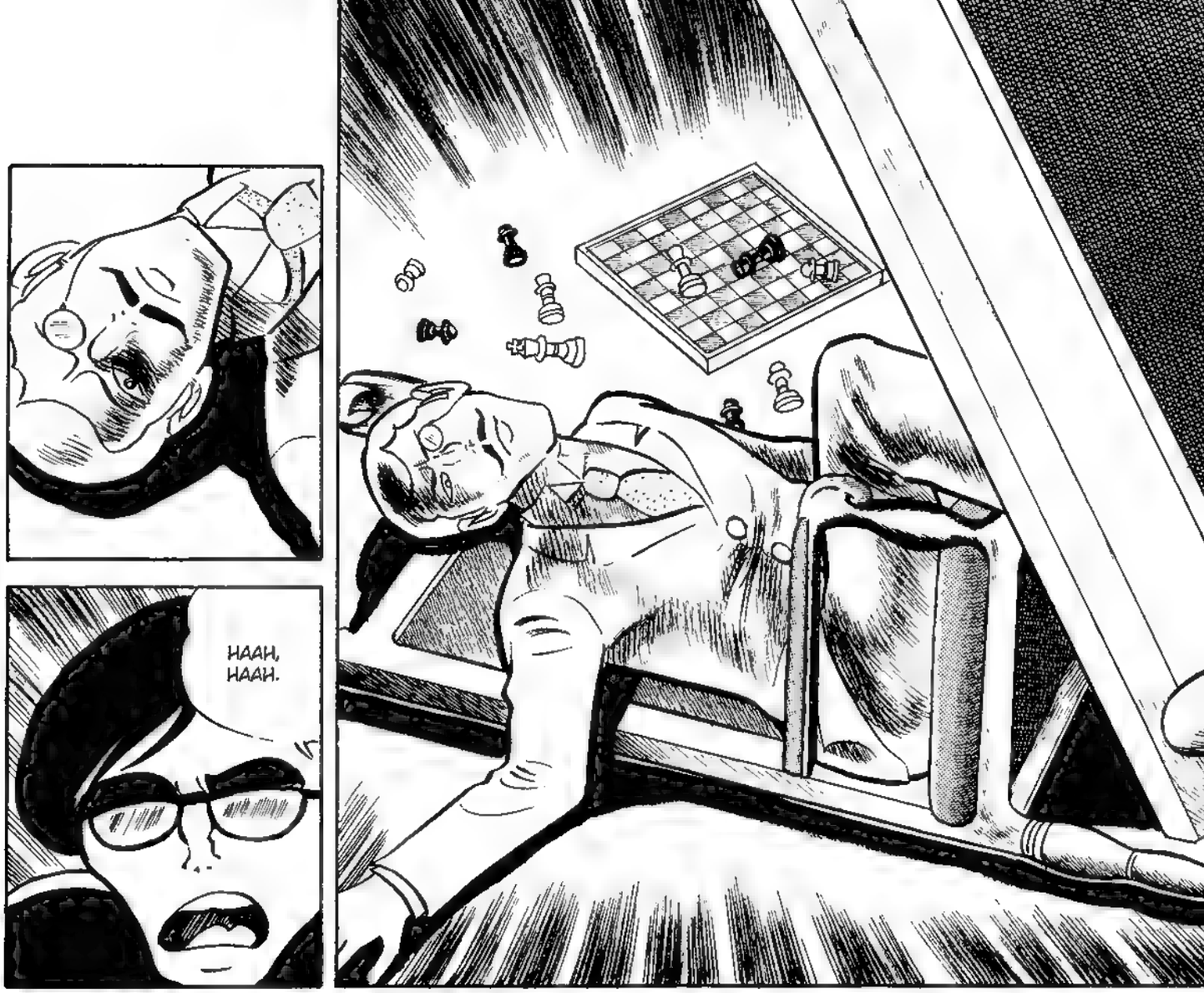
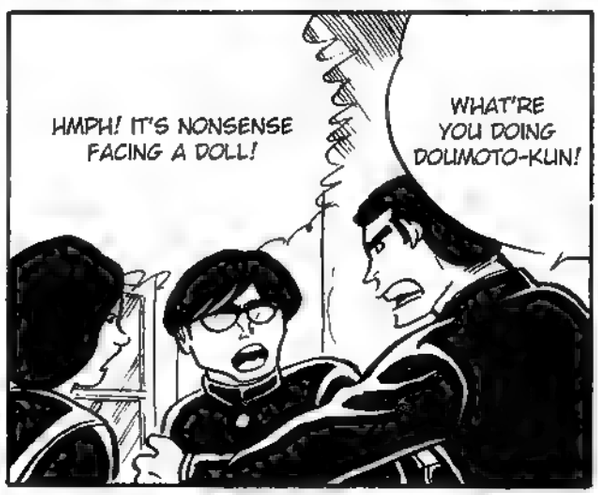
SHIT!


HAAH, HAAH.

OH, AREN'T YOU JUST SAYING THAT BECUASE YOU LOST TO THE DOLL?
I CAME TO FACE KUROI!


HMPH! IT'S NONSENSE FACING A DOLL!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING DOUMOTO-KUN!

I'M KNOWN AS A CHESS PRODIGY!
YOU LOT HAVE NO CLUE ABOUT CHESS AT ALL, YET YOU'RE GETTING ALL CHEEKY?!

WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!

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YEAH. DON'T CHICKEN OUT AND STOP MIDWAY.
THEN HOW ABOUT YOU TRY IT ONCE MORE, FAIR AND SQUARE.
OH YEAH IT'S A MACHINE, SO IT'LL JUST REPEAT THE SAME THING!
UH. IT'S THE SAME MOVE AS BEFORE.
NOW HURRY UP.
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HERE'S A FORK!
I'LL SHOW YOU MY WONDERFUL BATTLESTYLE.
HAHAHA, TAKE A GOOD LOOK YOU LOT!
EVEN IF YOU FLEE IT'LL BE NO GOOD DOLL-SAN, AHAHAHA.
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CHECK!

THIS'LL SETTLE IT!
OH. THE SOUNDS OF THE MACHINE SUDDENLY GOT LOUDER.

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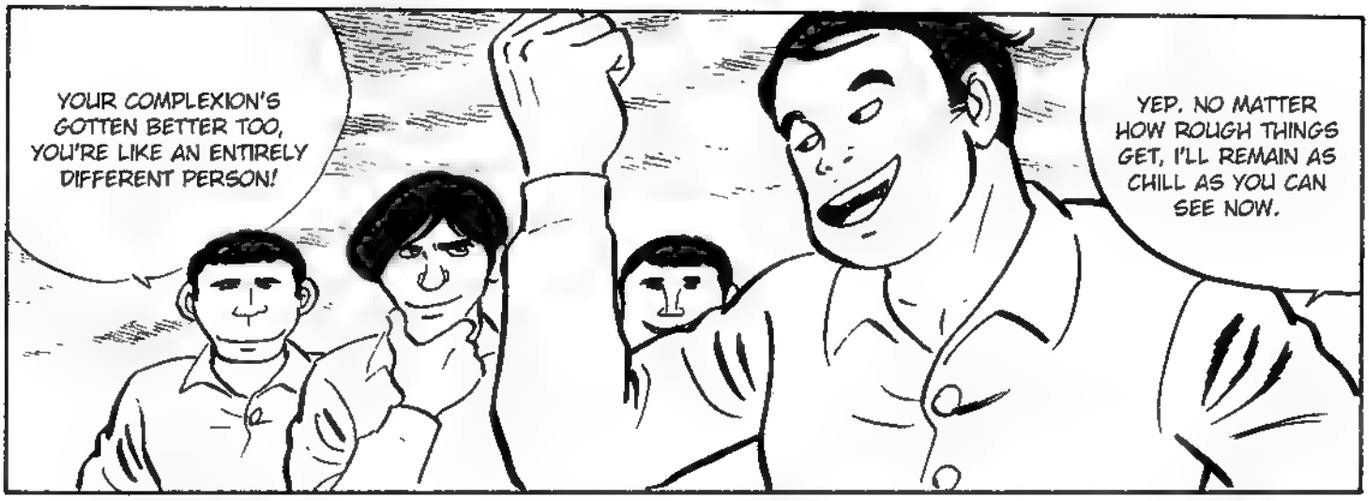
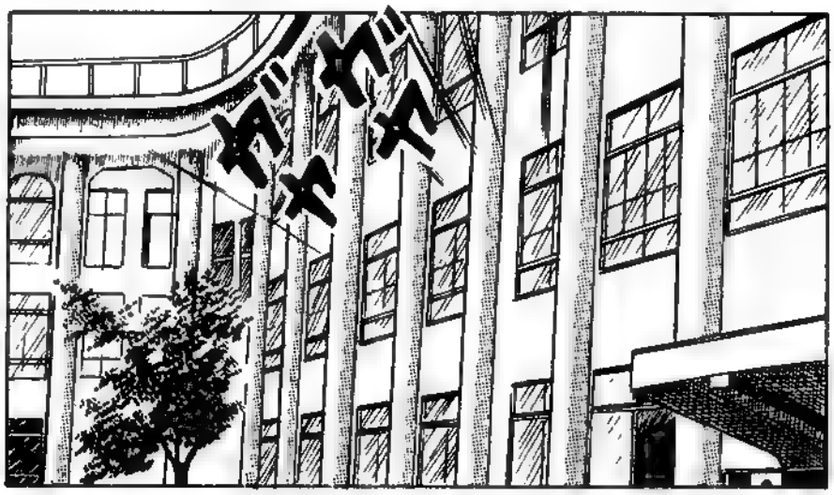
UFUFUFUFU.
YOU'D HAVE DONE WELL TO REMEMBER THAT THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE BETTER THAN YOU, DOUMOTO-KUN...
BUT IT MIGHT'VE STRUCK HIS HEAD A BIT TOO HARD...
THE DOLL I MADE CERTAINLY GOT PAYBACK FOR ME.
EKO EKO AZARAK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
AT ANY RATE, I CAN NO LONGER STAY IN THIS TOWN.

♣ THE MAGICAL PROCEDURE

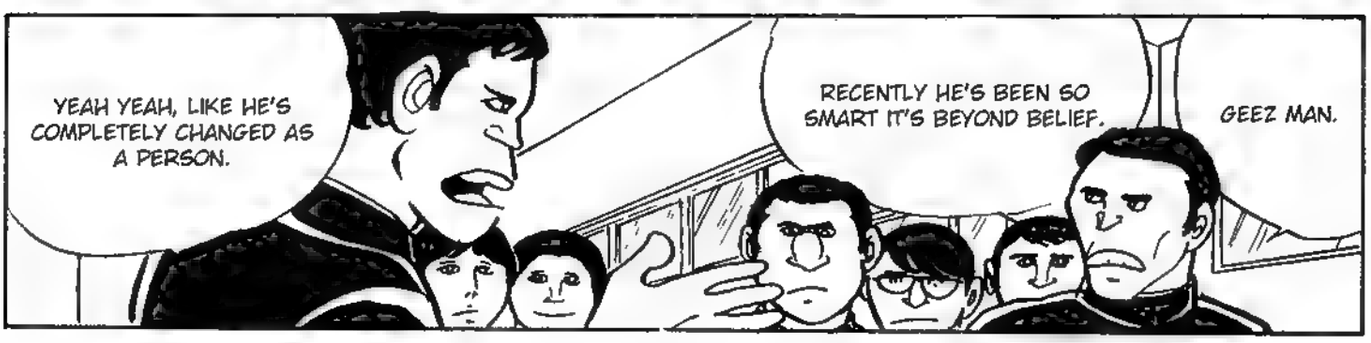
OI HONDA. YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY DAMN TOUGH YOU KNOW.
SO THATS SPORTS DONE IS IT?


YOUR COMPLEXION'S GOTTEN BETTER TOO, YOU'RE LIKE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PERSON!
YEP. NO MATTER HOW ROUGH THINGS GET, I'LL REMAIN AS CHILL AS YOU CAN SEE NOW.



T/N: THE SIGN READS "NOTICE BOARD".

SURE, BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D GET SUCH A HIGH SCORE.
I IMAGINE HONDA-KUN'S BEEN WORKING VERY HARD AT HIS STUDY.
YOU'RE QUITE RUDE TO SAY THAT...



...
YES... IT WAS A MONTH AGO...
THOUGH I DOUBT ANYONE WOULD BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD THEM...
IT'S JUST LIKE EVERYONE SAID. SINCE THAT DAY I'VE BEEN AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PERSON.

SOMETIMES ON THE WAY TO MORNING ASSEMBLY I'D FEEL SICK, AND OFTEN HAD TO BE TAKEN TO THE INFIRMARY.
I'D HAD A WEAK, FRAIL BODY SINCE BIRTH, AND WOULD ALWAYS SIT OUT DURING P.E. ..
I'D MISS LUNCH SOME DAYS, AND WOULD APPEAR AS THOUGH I WERE WITHERING AWAY LIKE AN INVALID.
THAT'S WHEN MISA KUROI-SAN TOOK PITY ON ME...
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE I WAS UNIN-TELLIGENT, AND WOULD ALWAYS SHRINK AWAY IN CLASS.
HAVING SUCH A FRAIL ATTITUDE WILL ONLY WORSEN YOUR BODY.
BUT YOU ALWAYS LOOK POORLY. YOU'RE NEVER CHEERFUL.
NOT LIKE YOU'VE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS.
YOU SHOULD HAVE SOME MORE FAITH IN YOR OWN BODY, HONDA-KUN.

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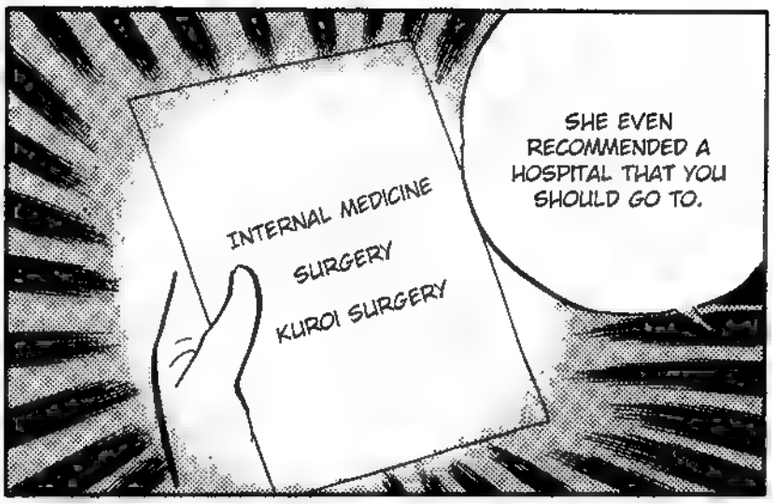
NOT LIKE I CAN DO ANYTHING NOW.
MY BODY'S GOTTEN SO BAD EVEN THE DOCTORS HAVE GIVEN UP.
HO... HONDA-KUN!
KUROI-SAN BROUGHT YOU ALONG.
JUST WHEN DID I GET BACK HERE?!
HAH!


INTERNAL MEDICINE
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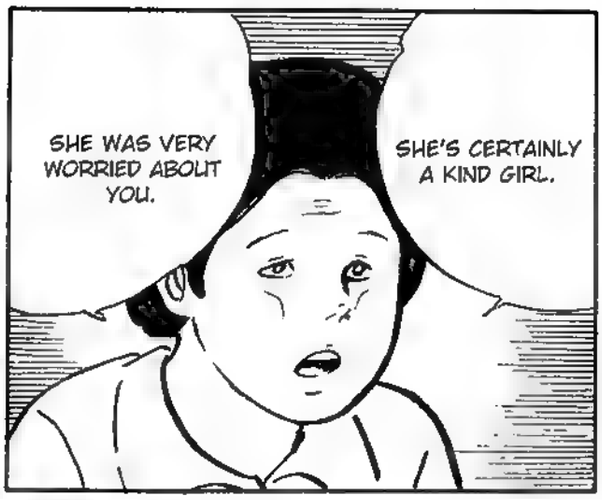
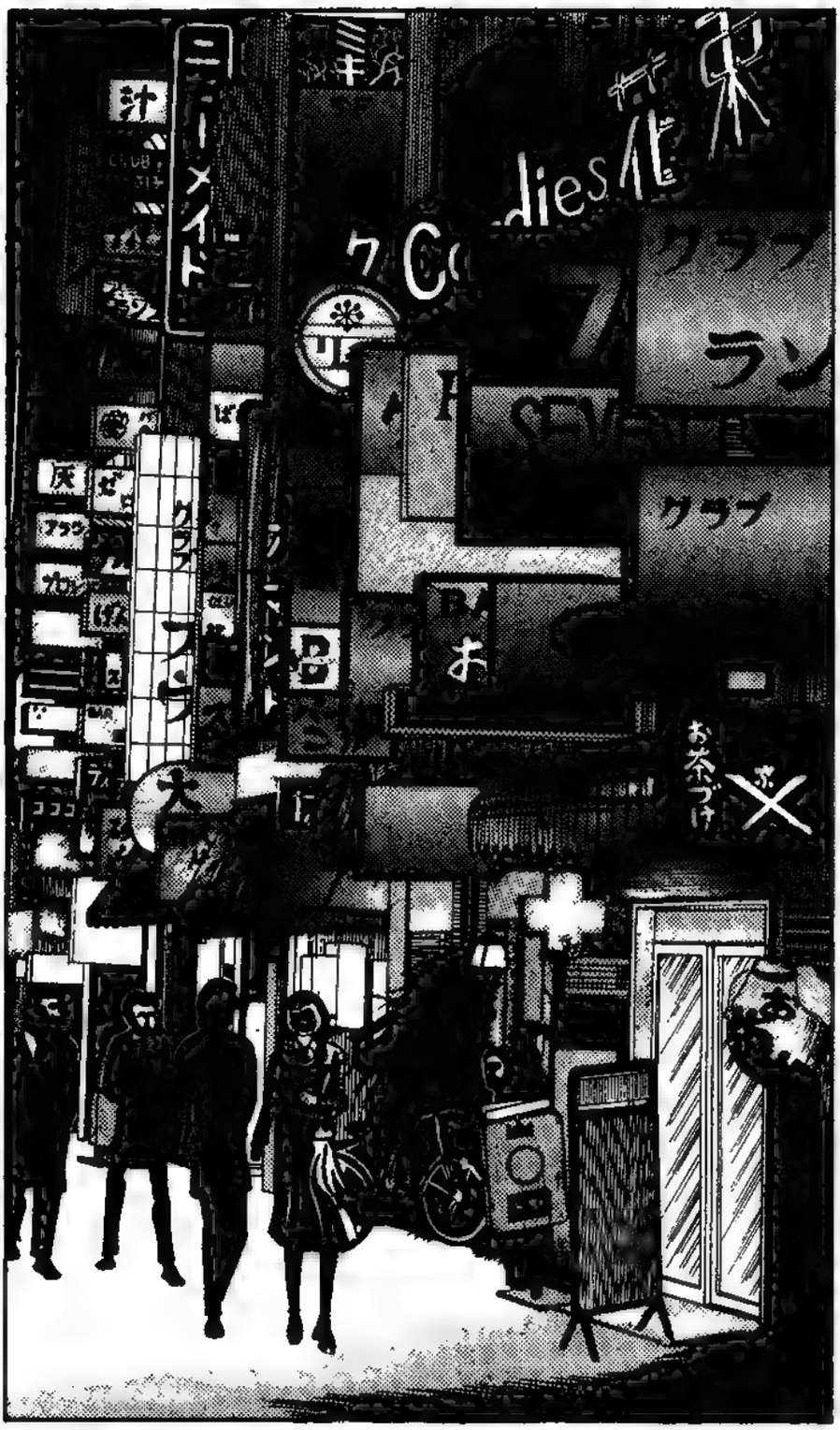
KUROI SURGERY
SHE EVEN RECOMMENDED A HOSPITAL THAT YOU SHOULD GO TO.


SHE WAS VERY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
SHE'S CERTAINLY A KIND GIRL.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NO MATTER HOW SEVERE THE ILLNESS, THEY'LL EASILY CURE IT.
KUROI EH, SO IT'S MISA'S FAMILY...?

SHE WAS VERY KEEN ON YOU GOING.
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THAT.

IT'D REALLY PLEASE ME IF YOU WERE TO GET STRONGER. LET'S GO TOGETHER.

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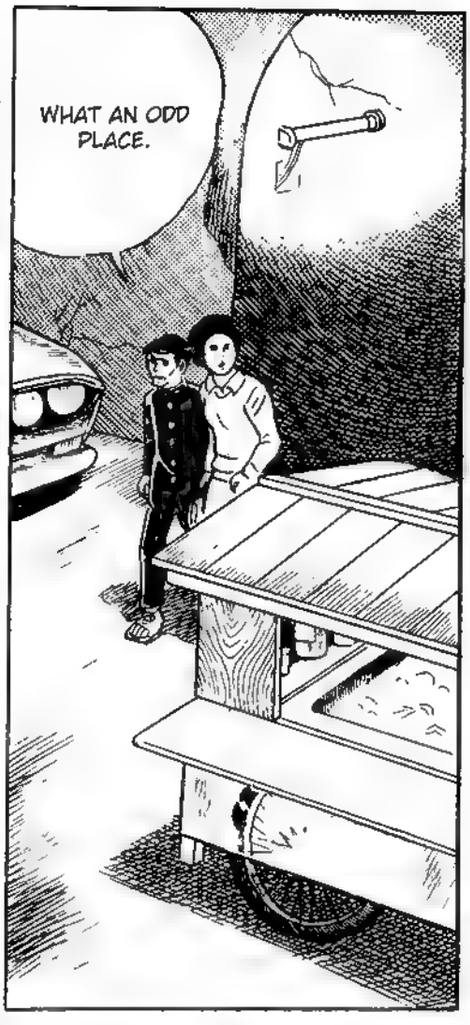
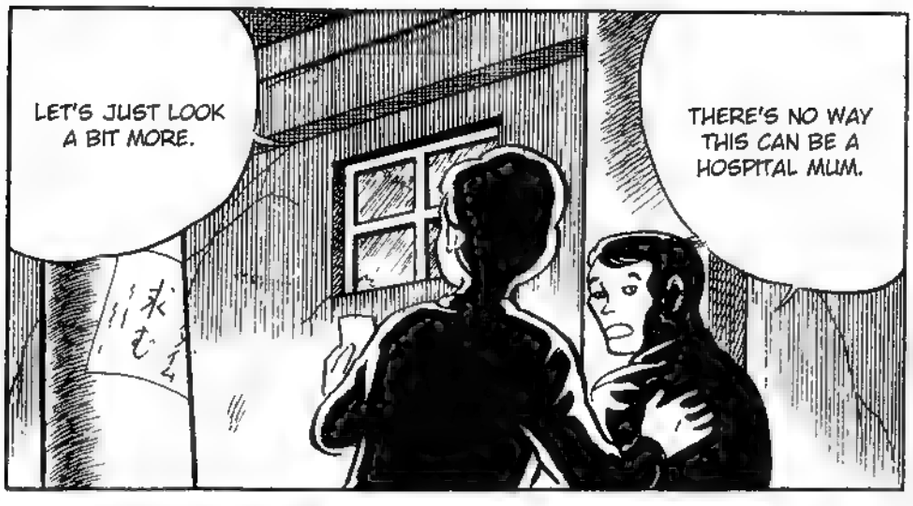

WHAT AN ODD PLACE.


LET'S JUST LOOK A BIT MORE.
THERE'S NO WAY THIS CAN BE A HOSPITAL MUM.

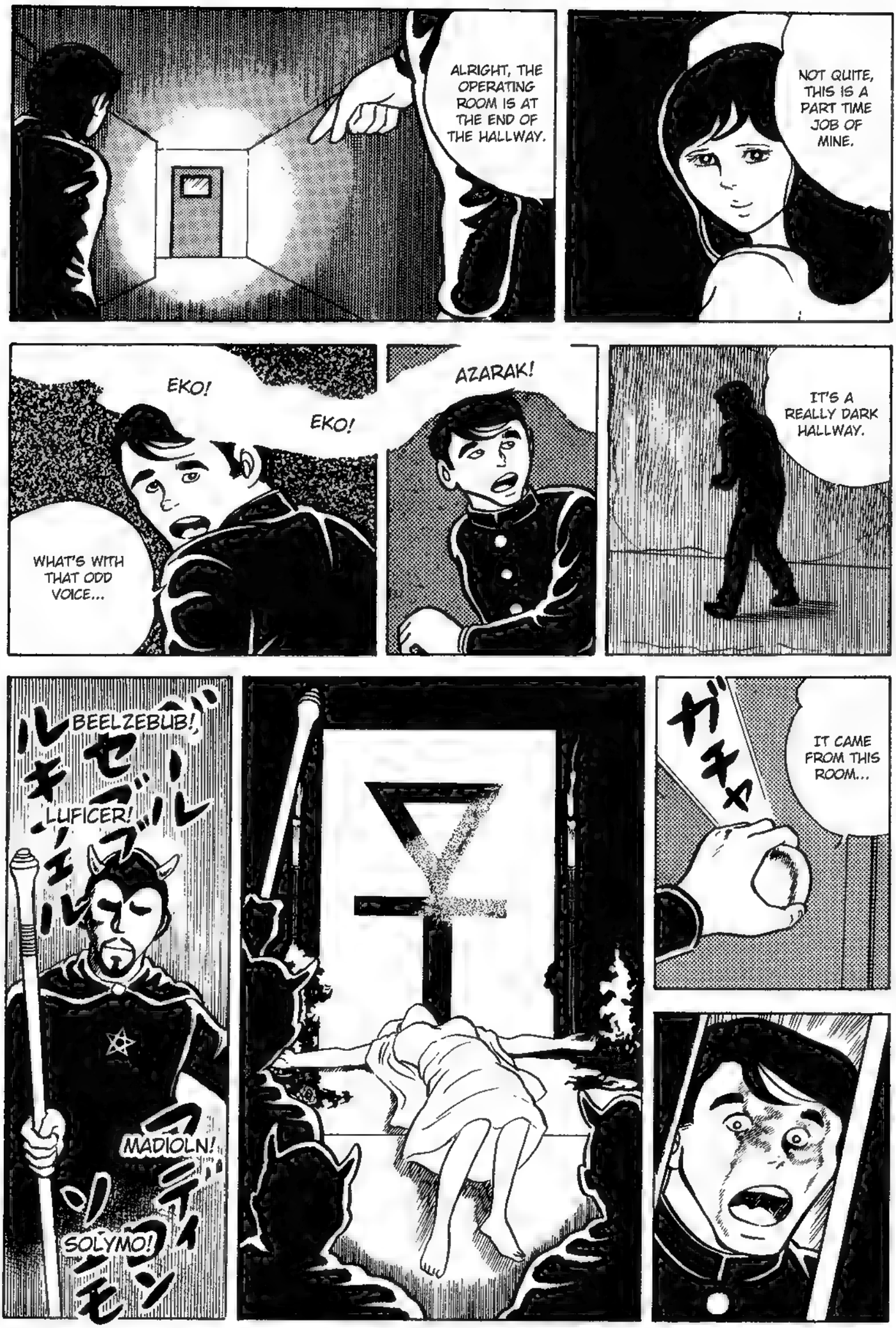
KUROI SURGERY

WHAT AN ODD HOSPITAL.
THIS IS IT MUM.

AH, THERE'S A DOOR THERE.
黒井医院

I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME HONDA-KUN.
NOW, COME INTO THE DIAGNOSIS ROOM...
THAT'S KUROI-SAN!
AH!

I HEARD ABOUT YOUR BODY. I WANT TO BEGIN THE PROCEDURE AT ONCE.
WELCOME, WOULD YOU COME OVER HERE...
THE... THE PROCEDURE?!
SO YOUR FAMILY ARE DOCTORS EH.
DON'T WORRY HONDA-KUN.
AT ONCE.
COULD YOU SHOW HIM TO THE OPERATING ROOM.
INDEED. NO NEED TO FEAR, IT WILL BE OVER SOON.


ALRIGHT, THE OPERATING ROOM IS AT THE END OF THE HALLWAY.
NOT QUITE, THIS IS A PART TIME JOB OF MINE.
EKO!
EKO!
WHAT'S WITH THAT ODD VOICE...
AZARAK!
IT'S A REALLY DARK HALLWAY.
BEELZEBUB!
LUFICER!
MADIOLN!
SOLYMO!
ガチャ
IT CAME FROM THIS ROOM...

SARO,Y!
AMECLO!
ル・セグラエル!
プラレドゥン!
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アドリカノロム!
マルティノ!ル
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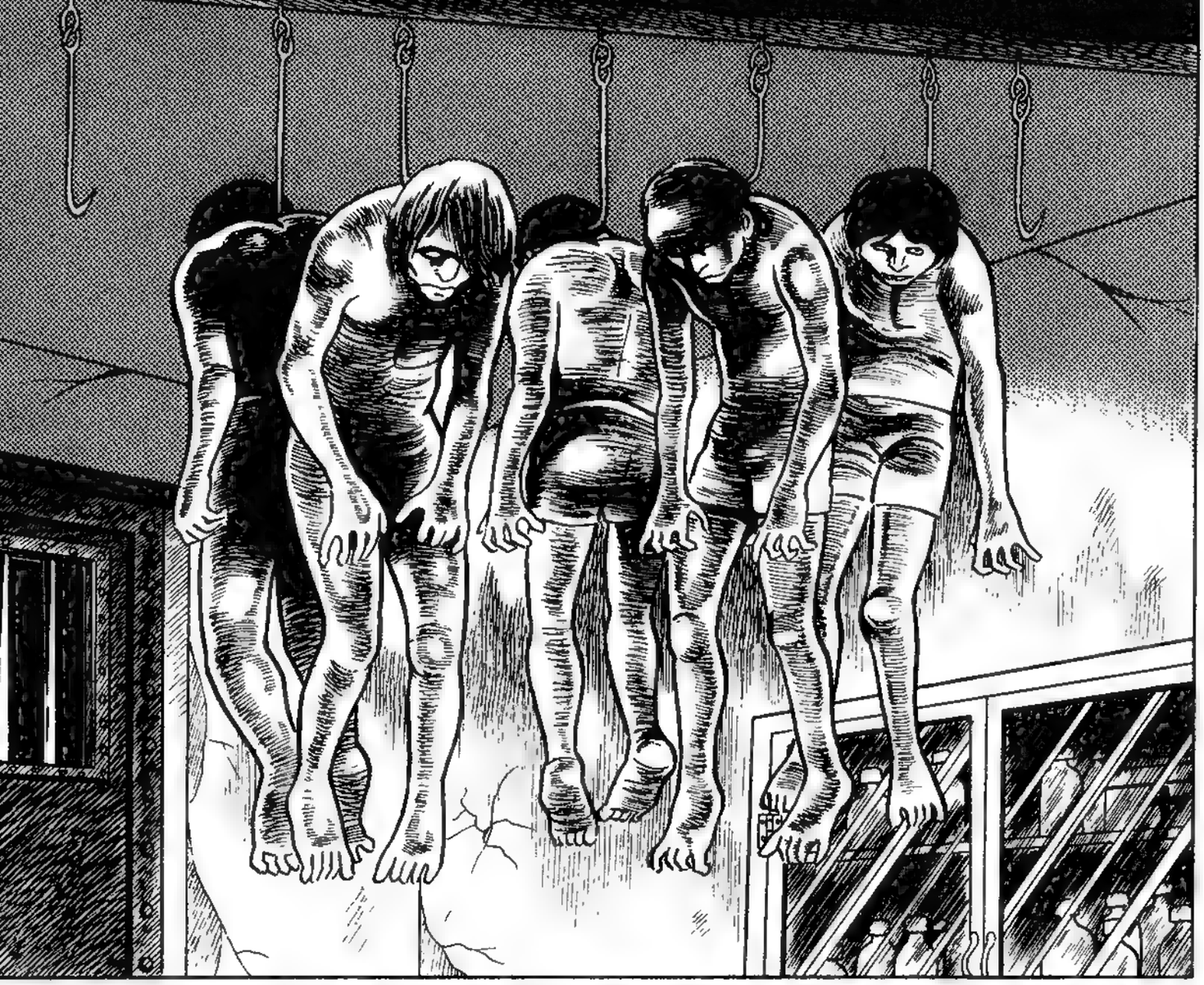
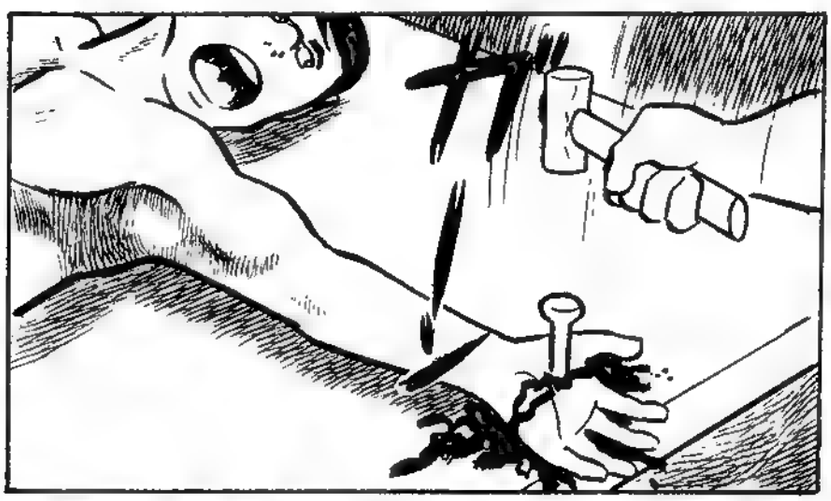
ティモ!

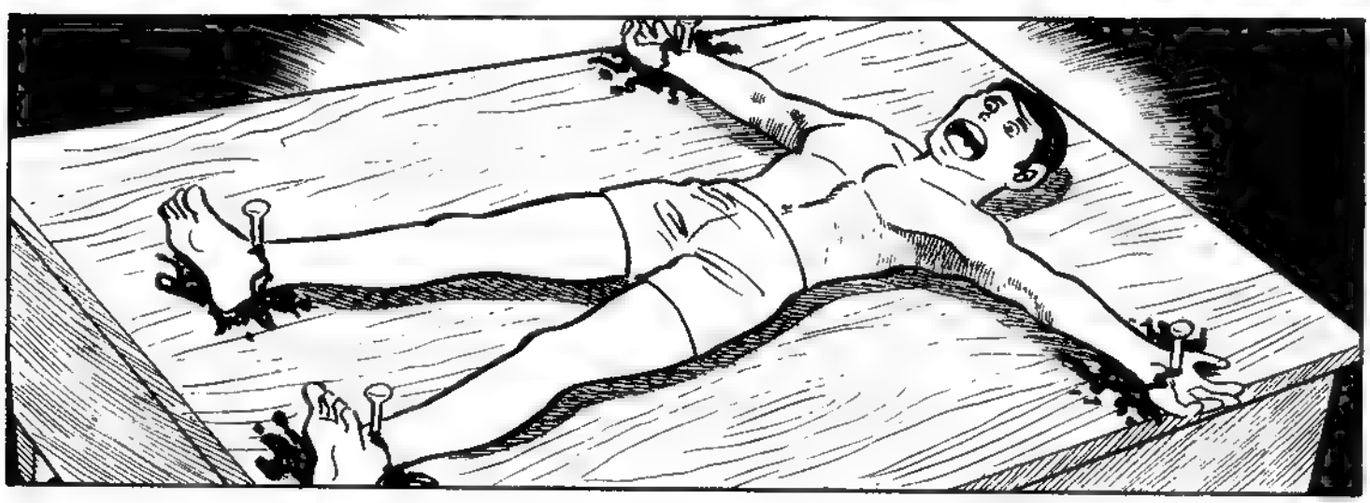
WH... WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS...?!

T/N: THE DOOR READS "OPERATING ROOM"

AARGH!
COME ON OVER HERE!
N... NO! STOP THIS!
HAVING LOOKED AT THEIR CHART, THE PATIENT WILL REQUIRE A FULL INTERNAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT...
IT WON'T HURT AT ALL.
CALM DOWN. THIS IS AN ENTIRELY MAGICAL PROCEDURE.
AAAAH!
THEY'LL BE THE ONES DONATING YOUR NEW ORGANS.



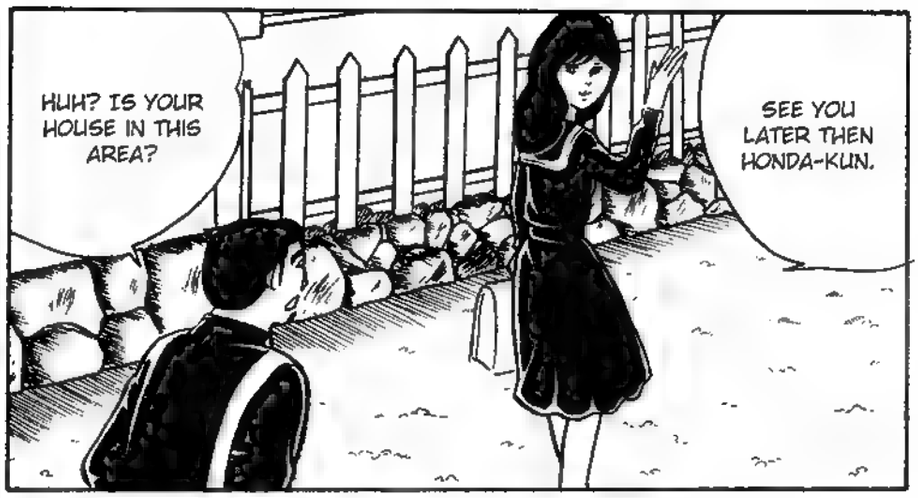




TO START WITH, LET'S DO A BRAIN TRANSPLANT...
THIS BOY WAS A REAL PRODIGY. YET DIED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.

WHILE FAINT... I COULD STILL HEAR SOME OF WHAT THE DOCTORS WERE SAYING.
MY CONSCIOUSNESS GREW HAZY...
AT ANY RATE IT IS A YOUNG BODY. UFUFUFU...
THIS FLESH LOOKS PRETTY GOOD DOESN'T IT?
S... SOMEONE HELP MEEE!
THE OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS. THOUGH THEY SAID YOU'D NEED TO REST FOR A WHILE TO MAKE A FULL RECOVERY.
A... AM I HOME...?
HAH!

IT'S A HOSPITAL. THEY WOULDN'T ACT LIKE THAT.
OHOHOHOHOHO! WHAT SILLY TALK.
I FELT LIKE I WAS A MEAL BEING CUT UP BY A KNIFE...
IT WAS A REAL BIZARRE PROCEDURE MUM.
I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D BE ABLE TO STUDY LIKE THAT.
HONDA-KUN'S UNDERGONE A CRAZY TRANSFORMATION.
IN NO TIME AT ALL I'VE GAINED BODY WEIGHT, AND MY BODY HAS BECOME HEALTHY.
YOU SHOULD GO FOR THE ROLE OF STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT NEXT.
THIS IS GREAT EH HONDA-KUN.
LONG AGO, THE MAGICIAN PARACELSUS WAS SAID TO HAVE CURED MANY INCURABLE DISEASES.
MAGIC TRULY POSSESSES A TREMENDOUS POWER.
OHOHOHOHO.
WHAT'S WITH THAT UNCONVINCED LOOK OF YOURS AGAIN?



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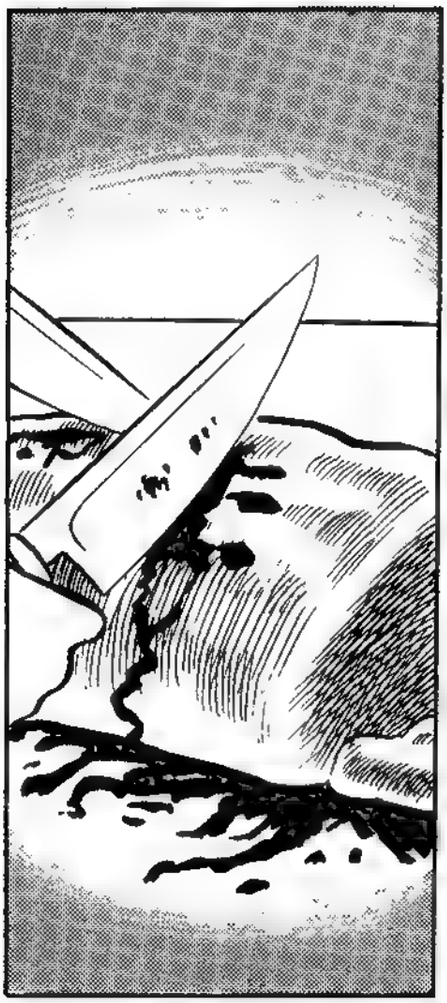
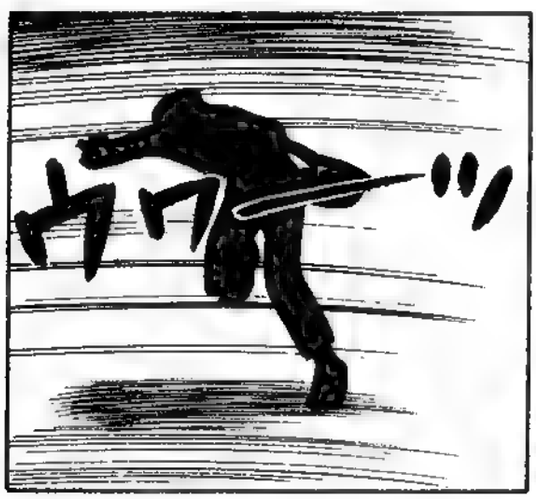
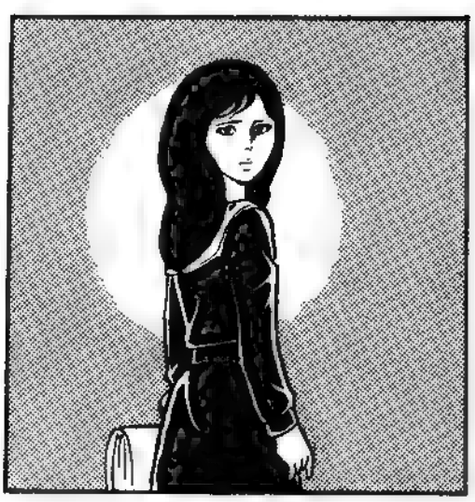




AH, THOSE MEN ARE...?!

EKO EKO AZARAK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!



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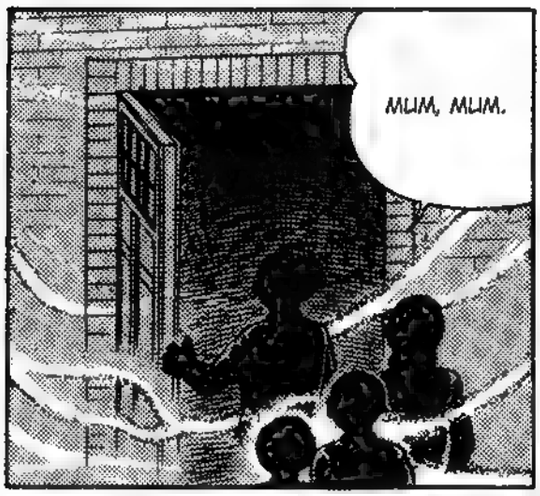
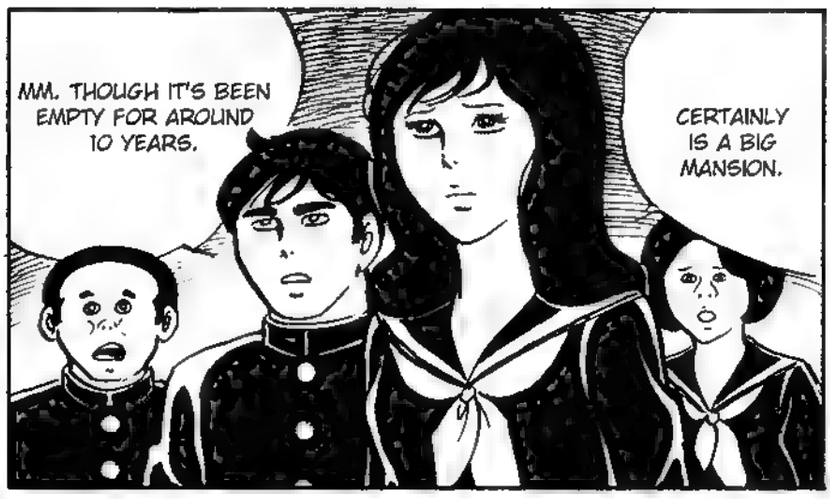
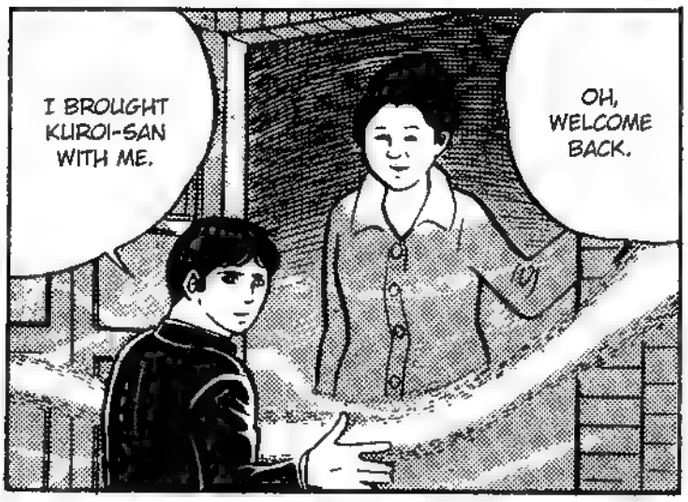
THIS IS MY HOUSE. EVERY NIGHT YOU CAN HEAR WHAT SOUNDS LIKE A WOMAN'S MOANS...

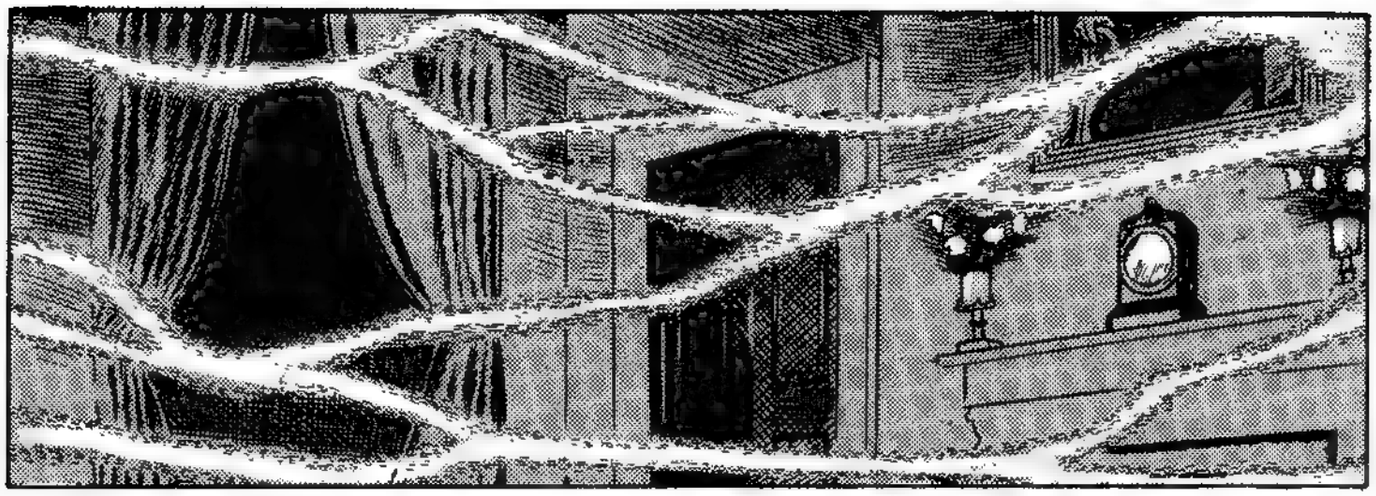

MUM, MUM.

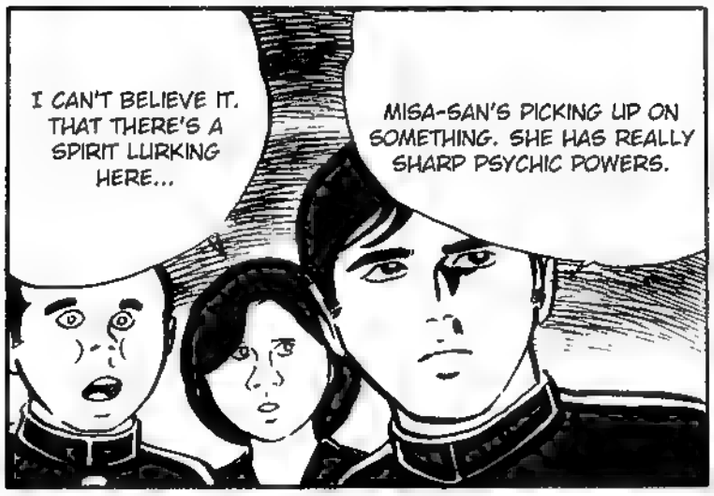

MM. THOUGH IT'S BEEN EMPTY FOR AROUND 10 YEARS.
CERTAINLY IS A BIG MANSION.

I'M MISA KUROI.
A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.


I BROUGHT KUROI-SAN WITH ME.
OH, WELCOME BACK.

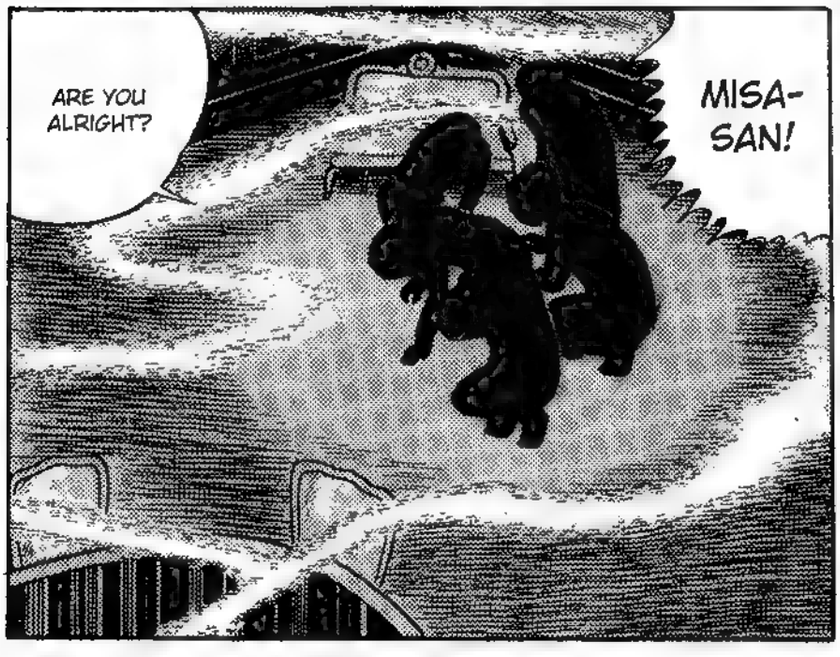
NOW WOULD YOU ALL COME INTO THE RECEPTION ROOM.
WHAT A PRETTY GIRL...
SO YOU'RE MISA KUROI-SAN...
I CAN HEAR SOMETHING MOANING...
SSSHH. QUIET...
WE'VE NOT FELT ANYTHING.
STRANGE YOU SAY...?
I CAN CERTAINLY FEEL SOMETHING STRANGE AND INDESCRIBABLE...
ITS MOANS ARE GETTING ALL THE CLEARER...
A RESTLESS SPIRIT, UNABLE TO REACH HEAVEN, IS PRESENT IN THIS ROOM.




I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. THAT THERE'S A SPIRIT LURKING HERE...
MISA-SAN'S PICKING UP ON SOMETHING. SHE HAS REALLY SHARP PSYCHIC POWERS.

UUUH...

GOSH, HOW TERRIFYING...
BUT EVER SINCE WE MOVED IN WE'VE BEEN TROUBLED BY THE WOMAN'S MOANS.
NEITHER COULD MY FATHER, THAT'S WHY HE BOUGHT THE PLACE...


ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
MISA-SAN!

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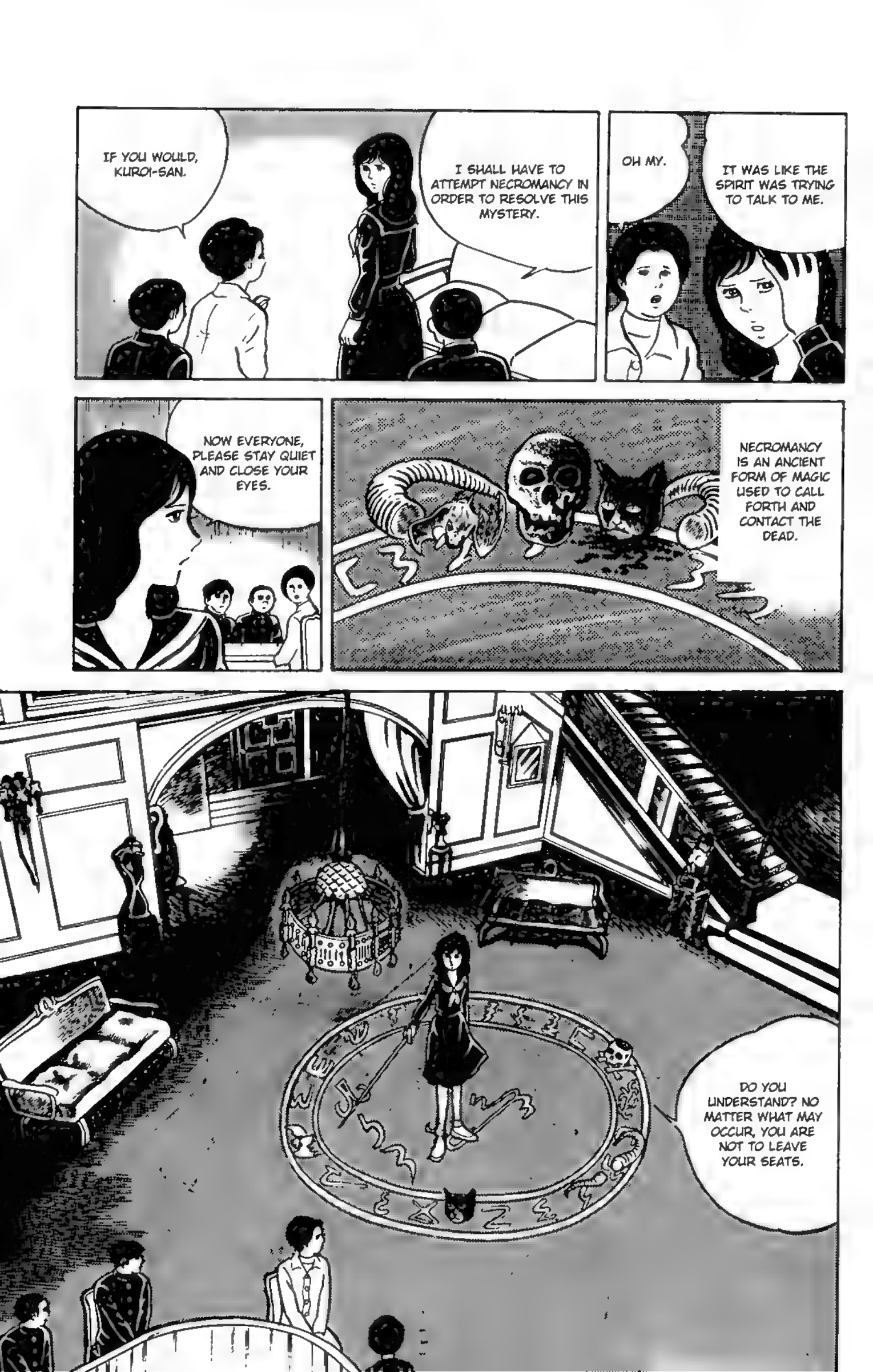
IF YOU WOULD, KUROI-SAN.
I SHALL HAVE TO ATTEMPT NECROMANCY IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THIS MYSTERY.
OH MY.
IT WAS LIKE THE SPIRIT WAS TRYING TO TALK TO ME.
NOW EVERYONE, PLEASE STAY QUIET AND CLOSE YOUR EYES.
NECROMANCY IS AN ANCIENT FORM OF MAGIC USED TO CALL FORTH AND CONTACT THE DEAD.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? NO MATTER WHAT MAY OCCUR, YOU ARE NOT TO LEAVE YOUR SEATS.

STEIMULI
MANTO!
IKEON!
MUWAAH!
ATAGUL!
AH!
KLIERAL!
IKION!
SAMANTON!
AAAARGH!

KYAAH, TH... THIS IS TERRIFYING!
WHOSE VOICE IS THAT?
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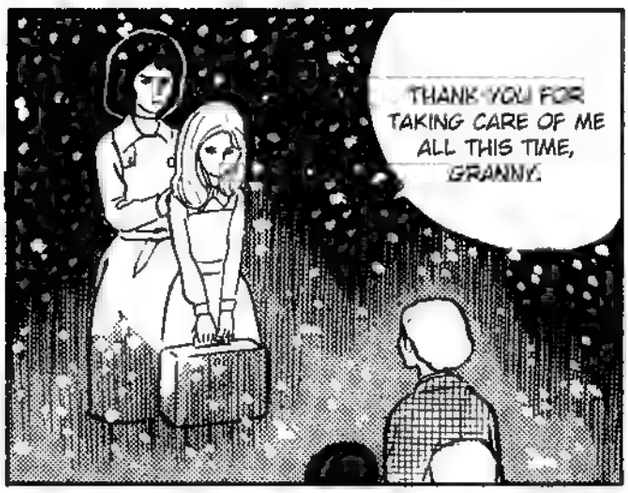
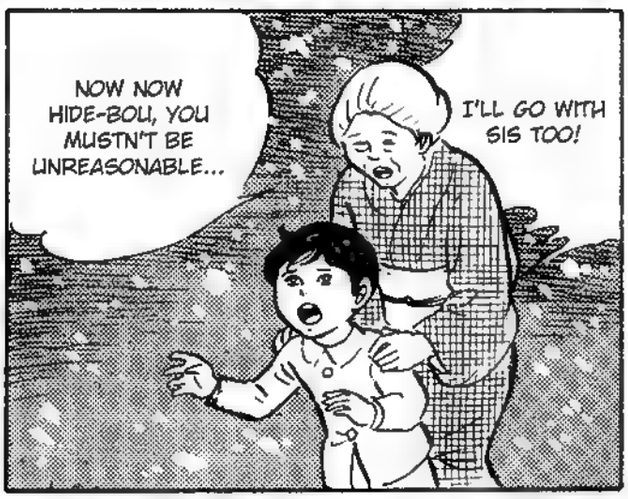
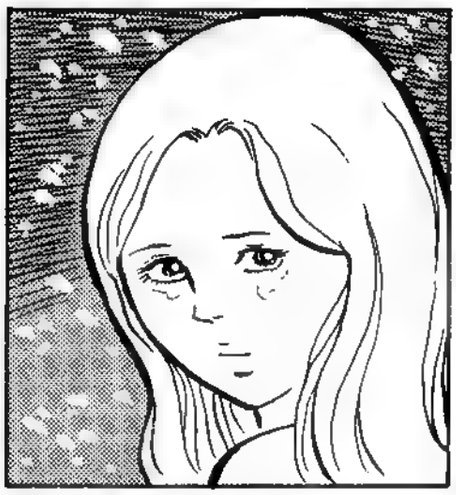
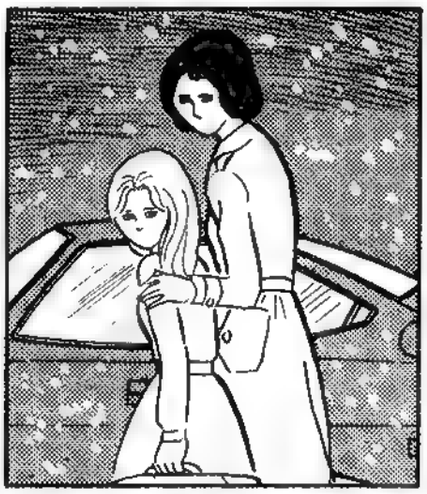
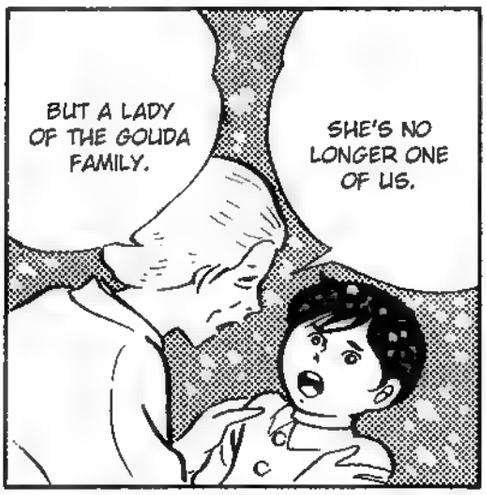
ERASHIN!
IMOIN!
METSUFIAS!
SOTEREM!
AH, WHAT'S WITH MISA-SAN'S FACE...?!
WOULD YOU LISTEN TO MY TALE...
SHE'S BEEN POSSESSED BY THE SPIRIT.
WHAT ON EARTH'S HAPPENING...?!











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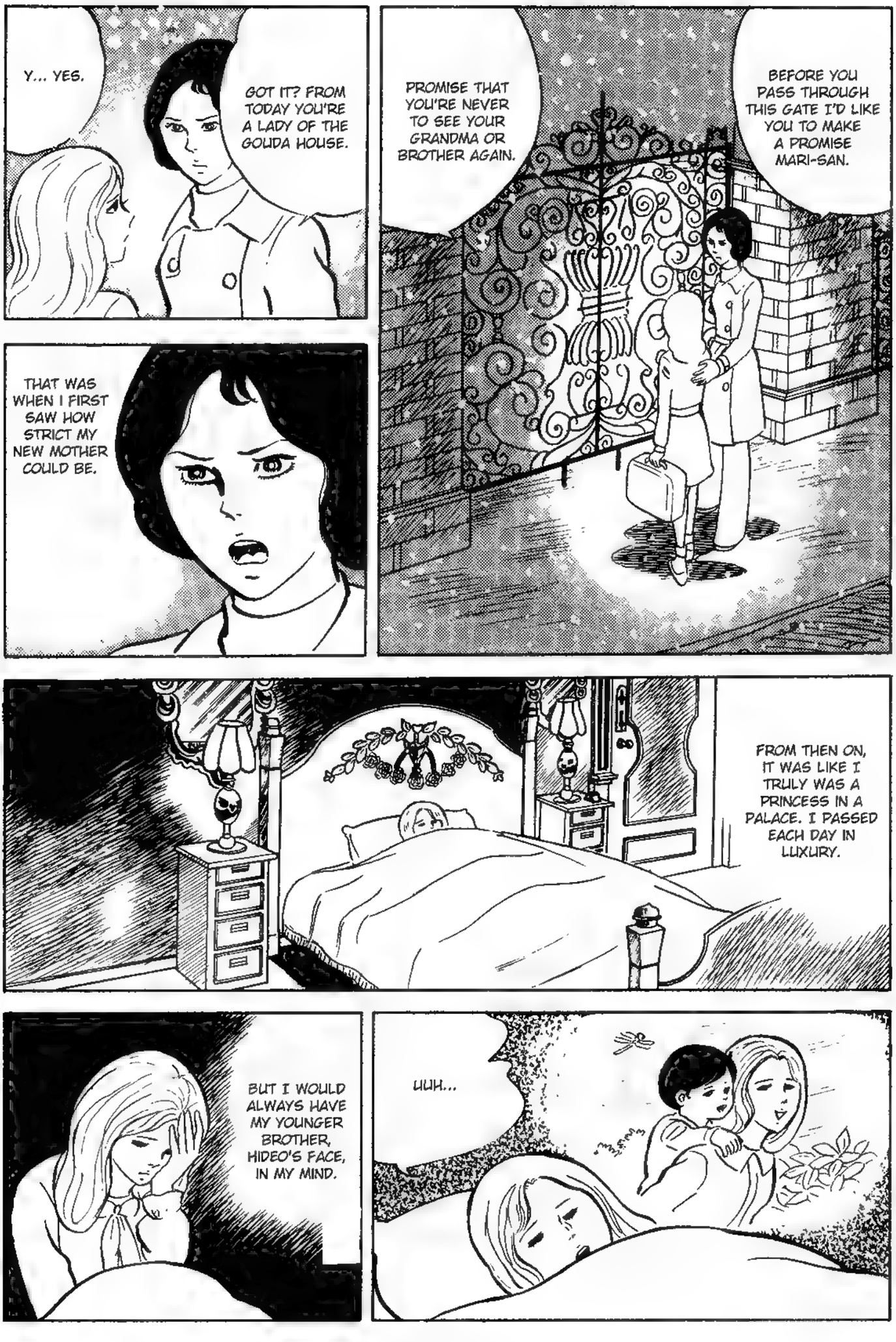
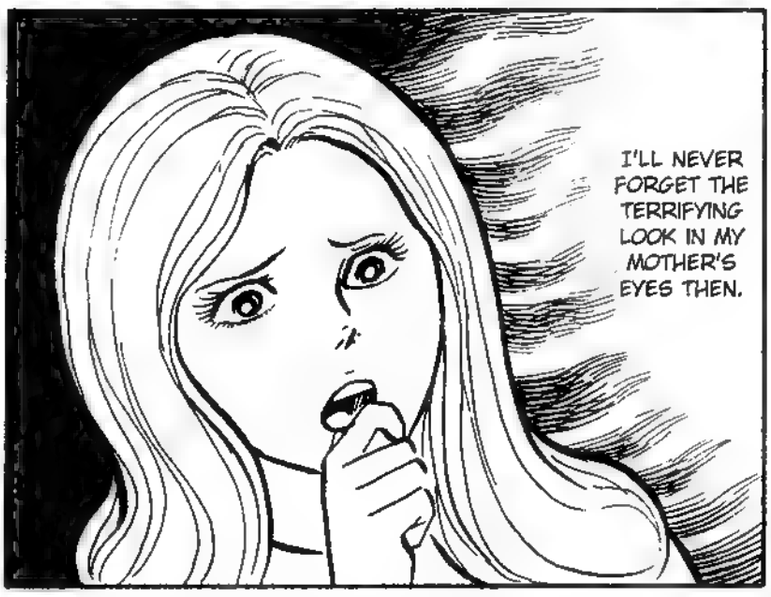
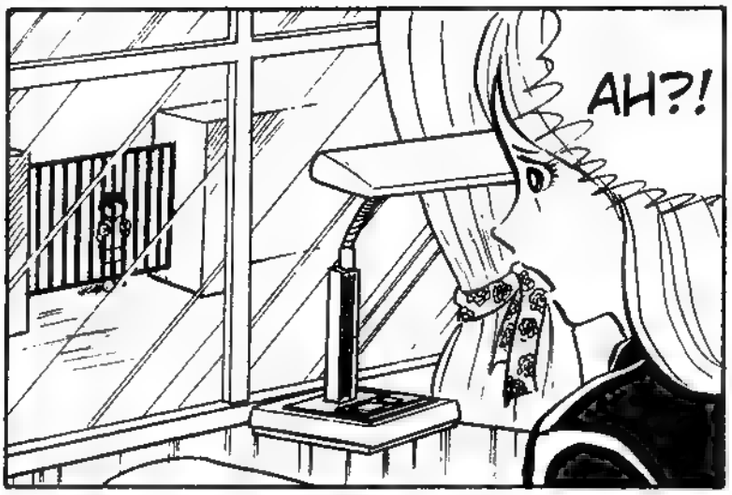

Y... YES.
GOT IT? FROM TODAY YOU'RE A LADY OF THE GOUDA HOUSE.
PROMISE THAT YOU'RE NEVER TO SEE YOUR GRANDMA OR BROTHER AGAIN.
BEFORE YOU PASS THROUGH THIS GATE I'D LIKE YOU TO MAKE A PROMISE MARI-SAN.
THAT WAS WHEN I FIRST SAW HOW STRICT MY NEW MOTHER COULD BE.
FROM THEN ON, IT WAS LIKE I TRULY WAS A PRINCESS IN A PALACE. I PASSED EACH DAY IN LUXURY.
BUT I WOULD ALWAYS HAVE MY YOUNGER BROTHER, HIDEO'S FACE, IN MY MIND.
UUH...

I SECRETLY KEPT THE PUPPY IN MY BASEMENT.
I GUESS YOU'RE A STRAY...
OH MY, YOU'RE FOLLOWING ME AGAIN.
ONE DAY, ON THE WAY BACK FROM SCHOOL...
D... DID I SAY YOU COULD KEEP A PUPPY?!
AH!
MARI!
YOU SHOULD KNOW I HATE ANIMALS!
S... SORRY, MAMA...
I... I'M SORRY.
AND YOU DID SO BEHIND MY BACK, YOUR BEHAVIOUR IS UNACCEPTABLE!

FROM THEN ON, I SPENT MY DAYS IN CONSTANT FEAR.


I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TERRIFYING LOOK IN MY MOTHER'S EYES THEN.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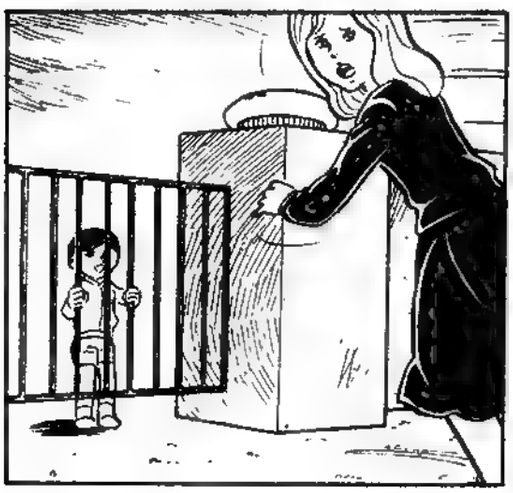
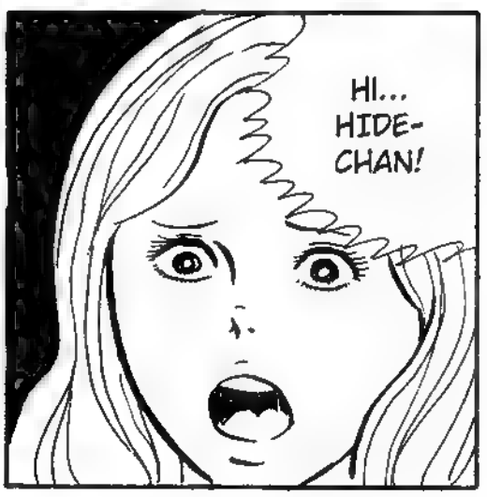
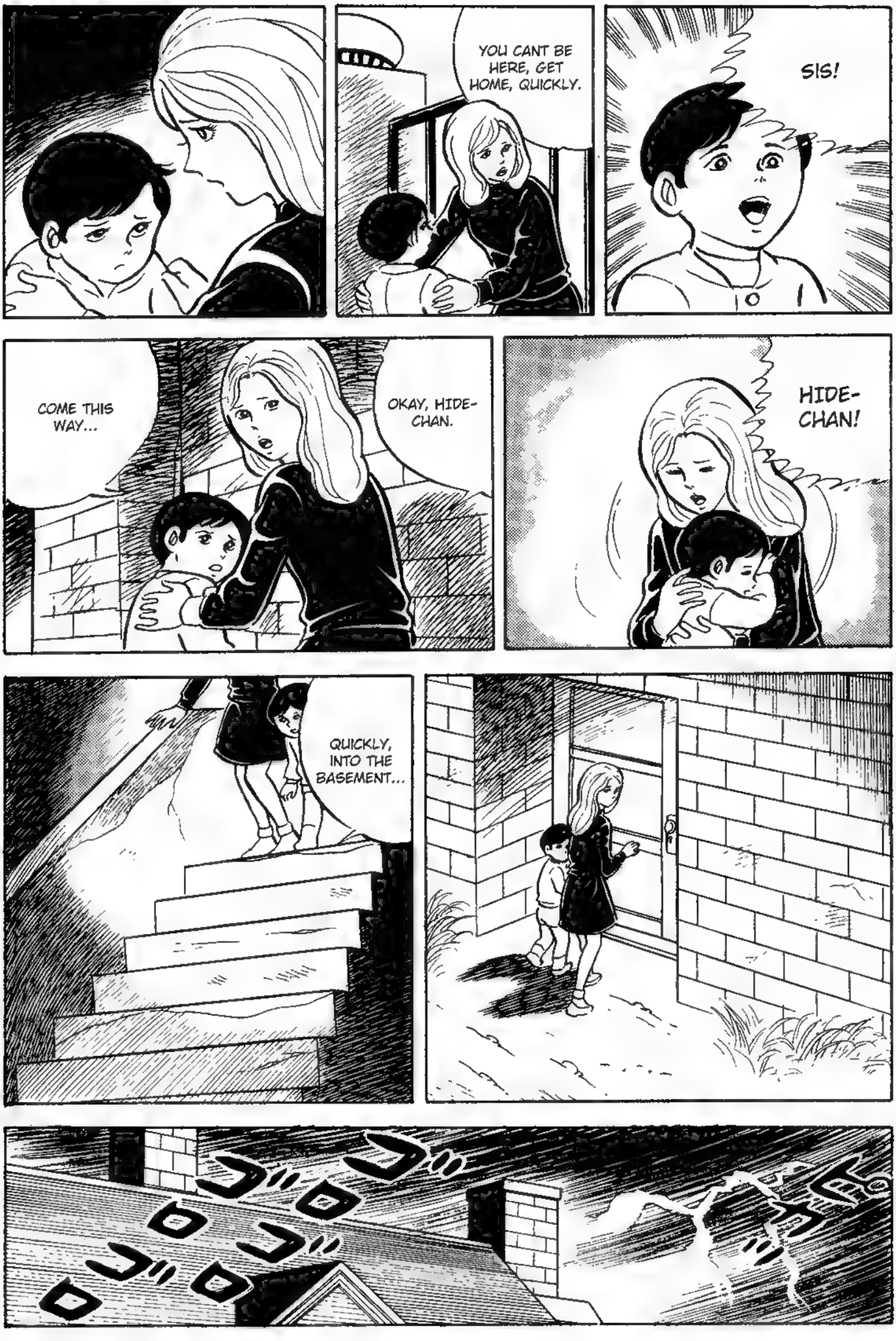



HI... HIDE-CHAN!


YOU CANT BE HERE, GET HOME, QUICKLY.
SIS!
COME THIS WAY...
OKAY, HIDE-CHAN.
HIDE-CHAN!
QUICKLY, INTO THE BASEMENT...
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SHE'S NOT STUDYING. JUST WHERE IS SHE.
MARI!
MM, SHE'S GOOD...
IS GRANDMA WELL?
QUICKLY!
G... GET OUT OF SIGHT!
IT'S MAMA!
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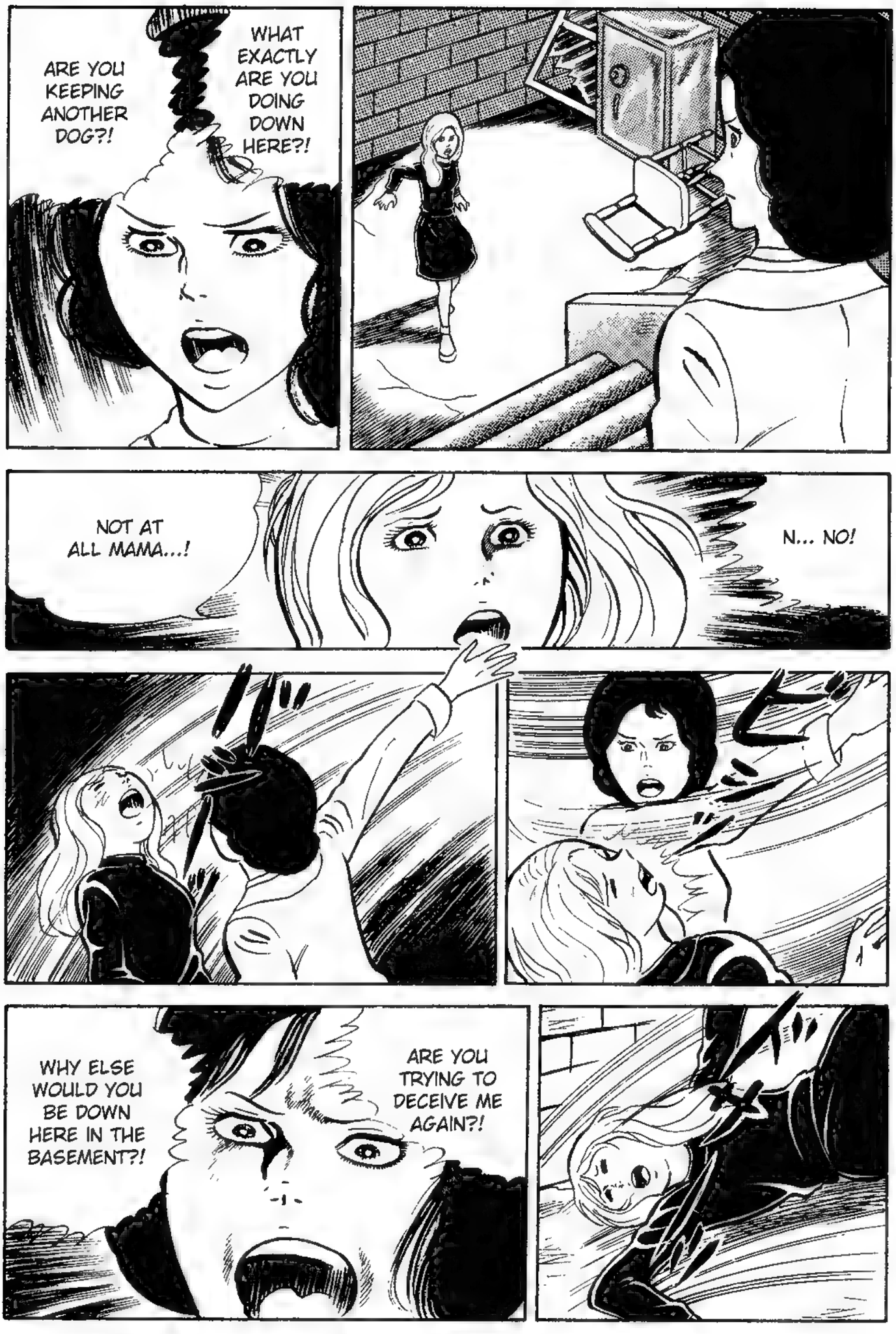
ARE YOU KEEPING ANOTHER DOG?!
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU DOING DOWN HERE?!
NOT AT ALL MAMA...!
N... NO!
WHY ELSE WOULD YOU BE DOWN HERE IN THE BASEMENT?!
ARE YOU TRYING TO DECEIVE ME AGAIN?!

AH, TH... THAT'S...!
SO YOU HID THE DOG IN THE SAFE.
HMPH!
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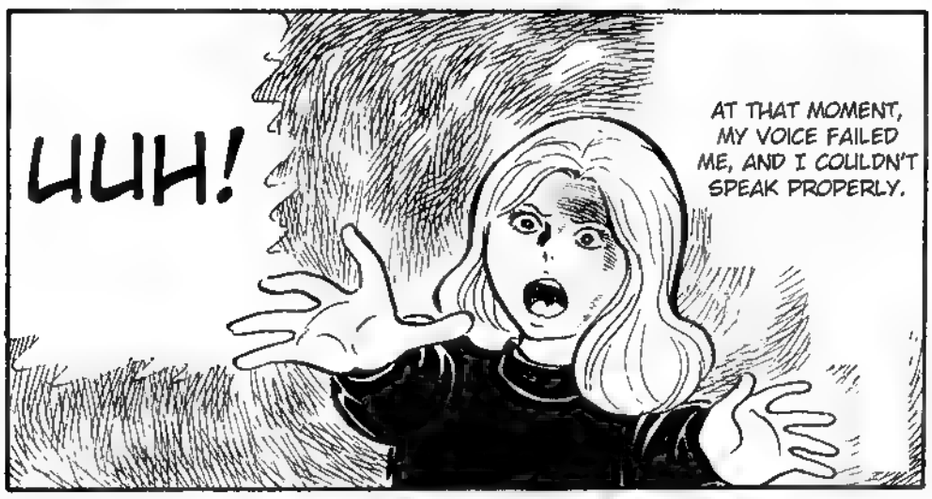
NOW THEN! LET'S GET YOU BACK UPSTAIRS SO YOU CAN STUDY!
MA... MAMA!
WHAT?! YOU STILL WISH TO DEFY ME?!
W... WAIT, IT WAS A KID!


UUH!
AT THAT MOMENT, MY VOICE FAILED ME, AND I COULDN'T SPEAK PROPERLY.

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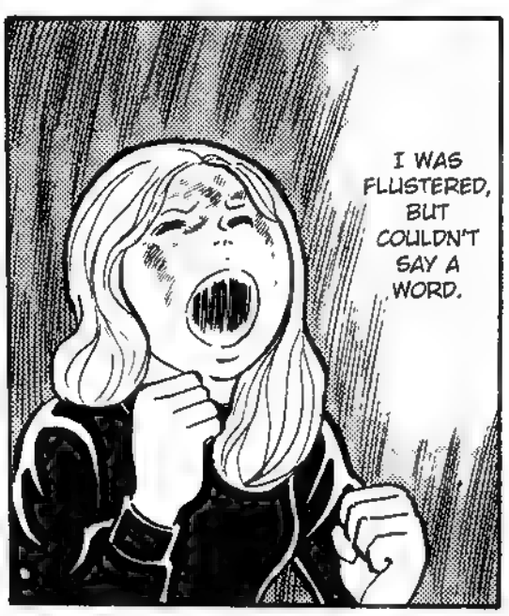
I TOOK YOU IN MARI, YET YOU WISH TO DEFY ME?!
AAAAAH!

COME ON NOW!
JUST WHAT IS WITH YOU, GOODNESS.


I WAS FLUSTERED, BUT COULDN'T SAY A WORD.

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YOUR ACTIONS TODAY HAVE BEEN TOTALLY OUT OF ORDER!
HAVE YOU GONE MAD?
YOU SURE KICKED UP A LOT OF FUSS FOR SOME RANDOM PUPPY!
UUUUUH!
FROM THAT DAY ON, I WAS UNABLE TO TALK.
AAH!
THE MORE FUSS I MADE, THE ANGRIER MAMA BECAME. WHO KNOWS HOW MANY DAYS I SPENT WITHOUT STEPPING FOOT FROM MY ROOM...
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AFTER THAT, THE SPIRIT GREW TOO DISTURBED, AND I COULDN'T MAKE ANYTHING OUT...
I DON'T KNOW.
S... SO WHAT HAPPENED TO MARI-SAN?
THAT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING!
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S... SO THAT'S WHAT LED TO THE SPIRIT'S CURSE...
MEANING THAT STILL INSIDE THE BASEMENT SAFE IS...!
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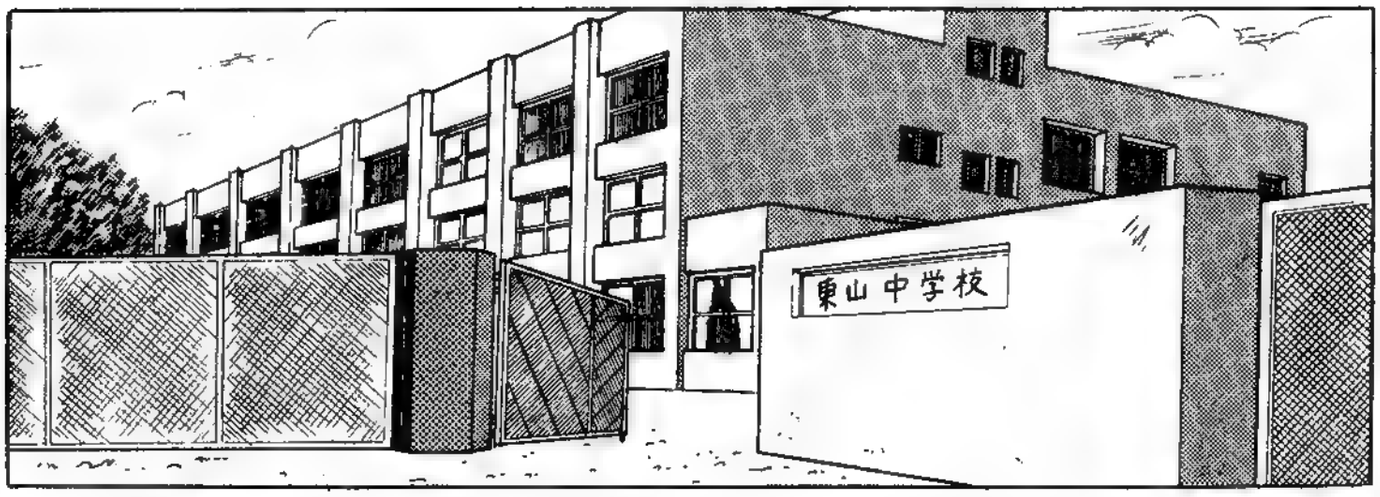
AAAH!
EKO EKO AZARAK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!

♣ THE BOY WHO RUINED HIMSELF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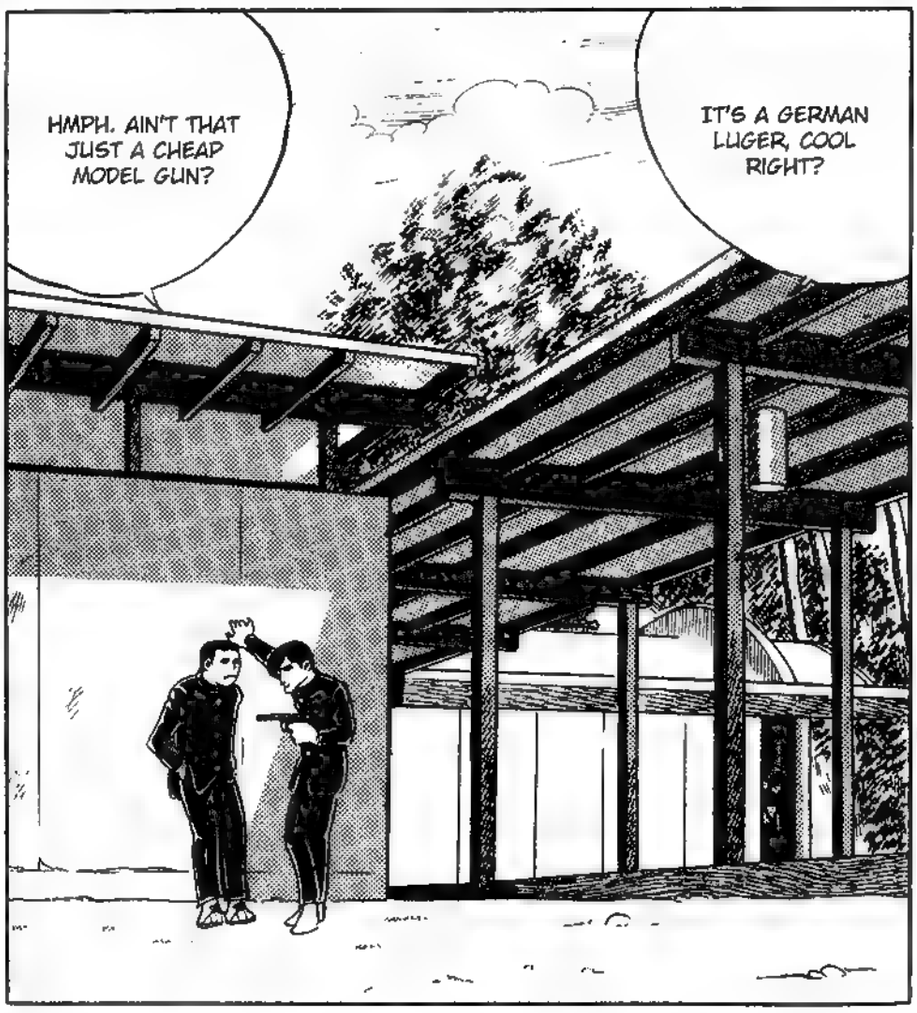
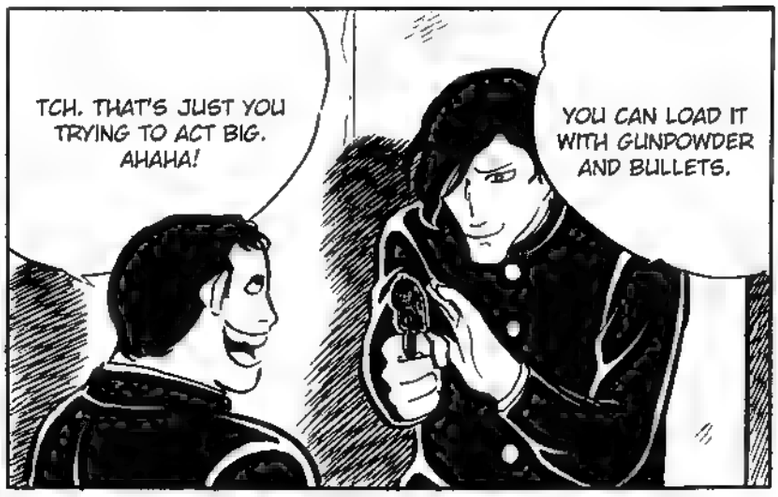
IT'S BEEN MODIFIED TO BE LIKE THE REAL THING.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? TAKE A GOOD LOOK.


HMPH. AIN'T THAT JUST A CHEAP MODEL GUN?
IT'S A GERMAN LUGER, COOL RIGHT?

UFUFU. DON'T BE RASH NOW.
SAY THAT AGAIN! YOU WANT ME TO SHOW YOU ITS POWER?


TCH. THAT'S JUST YOU TRYING TO ACT BIG. AHAHA!
YOU CAN LOAD IT WITH GUNPOWDER AND BULLETS.

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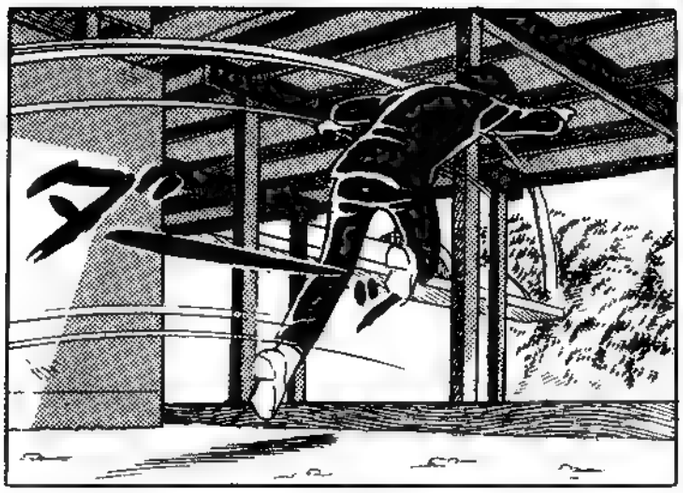
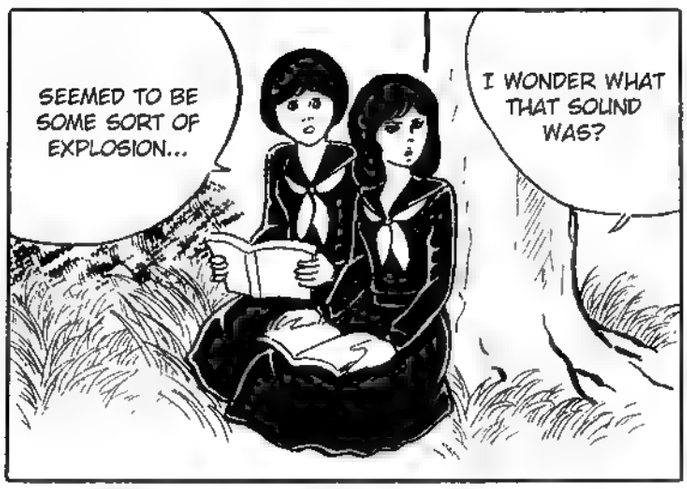
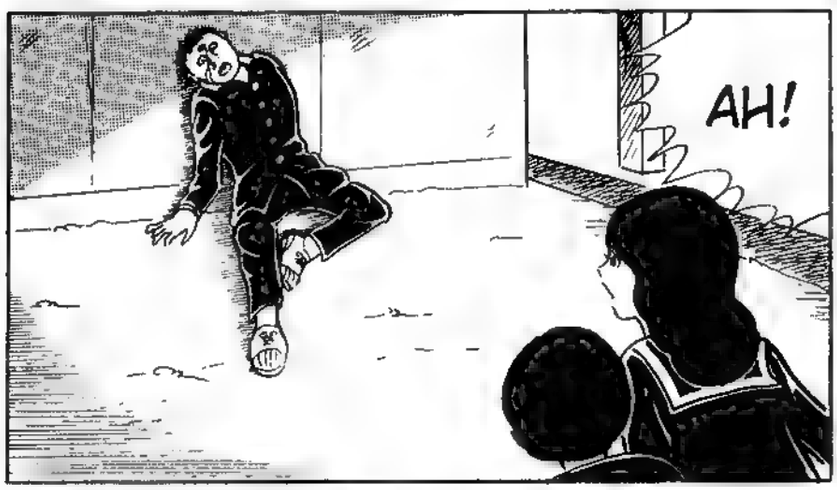
WH... WHAT?!
S... SHIT!
O... OI, MARUI!



H... HE'S DEAD!


SEEMED TO BE SOME SORT OF EXPLOSION...
I WONDER WHAT THAT SOUND WAS?


AH!

SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM BEHIND THE LECTURE HALL.
LET'S GO HAVE A LOOK.

KYAAAAH!
...
SHUT UP, I KNOW!
WHAT'S THE MATTER SEIICHI? I CALLED YOU FOR DINNER A WHILE BACK.
STRANGE KID...

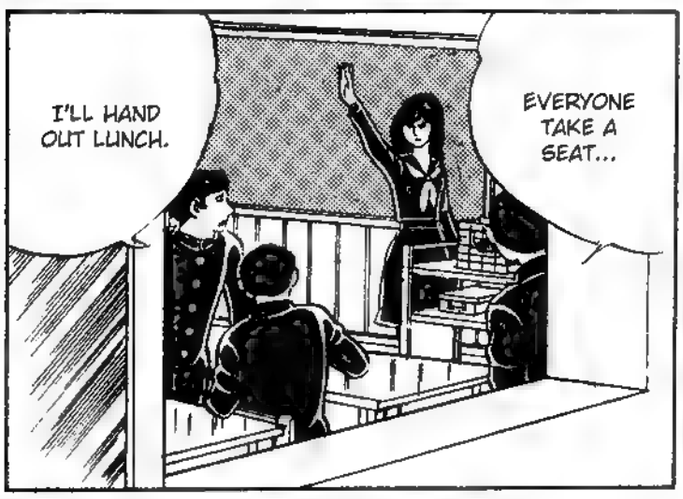
HOW COULD I DO SUCH A TERRIBLE THING...
UUH.
WELL THE ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL ARE COMING UP, PERHAPS HE'S ENGROSSED IN STUDY?
HE'S JUST BEEN LYING ON HIS DESK SINCE HE GOT BACK FROM SCHOOL.
UUUH...
HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING SO UNTHINKABLE! WHAT IS THE FAMILY MEANT TO DO NOW?!
YOUR FATHER'S A POLICEMAN AND ALL!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU KILLED SOMEONE?!
HOW TERRIFYING.
HE MIGHT NOT HAVE GOTTEN ON WITH MARUI BUT HE DIDN'T NEED TO KILL HIM!
MOURI'S A MURDERER.

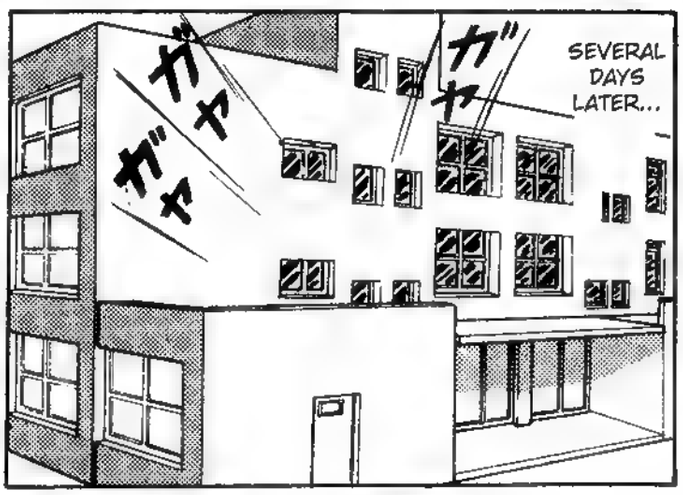
THEY WON'T KNOW IF I JUST KEEP PLAYING DUMB.
THERE WEREN'T ANY WITNESSES...
I JUST NEED TO STAY QUIET!
THAT'S RIGHT!
AAAAH, HAHAHA!
THINKING ABOUT IT, I'VE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
UFUFU, UFUFUFU...
AND I CAN CHUCK THIS MODEL GUN AWAY SOMEWHERE...
AND THEY STILL DON'T KNOW WHO DID IT.
HOW COULD A MURDER OCCUR AT THE SCHOOL.
IF THEY DON'T CATCH THEM QUICKLY, THEN MARUI-KUN WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND PEACE...

HELLO MOURI-KUN.
HAH!
EH?!
I IMAGINE THE CULPRIT MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN SOMEONE IN THE SAME CLASS AS US.
UFUFUFU...
I'VE A REAL INTEREST IN THIS CASE YOU KNOW.
JUST A HUNCH...
I'VE NO BASIS AT ALL.
NO, NOT REALLY...
B... BUT YOU'VE NO BASIS FOR THAT DO YOU?!
SHE'S CERTAINLY A CREEPY GIRL...

NO, THERE'S NO WAY. CALM DOWN. ME GETTING WORRIED HERE WILL DO NO GOOD
IF THAT MISA KUROI WERE TO FIND SOME SORT OF EVIDENCE...

I'LL PLAY DUMB TILL THE END!
SHIT. NO WAY WILL I REVEAL THE TRUTH!


I'LL HAND OUT LUNCH.
EVERYONE TAKE A SEAT...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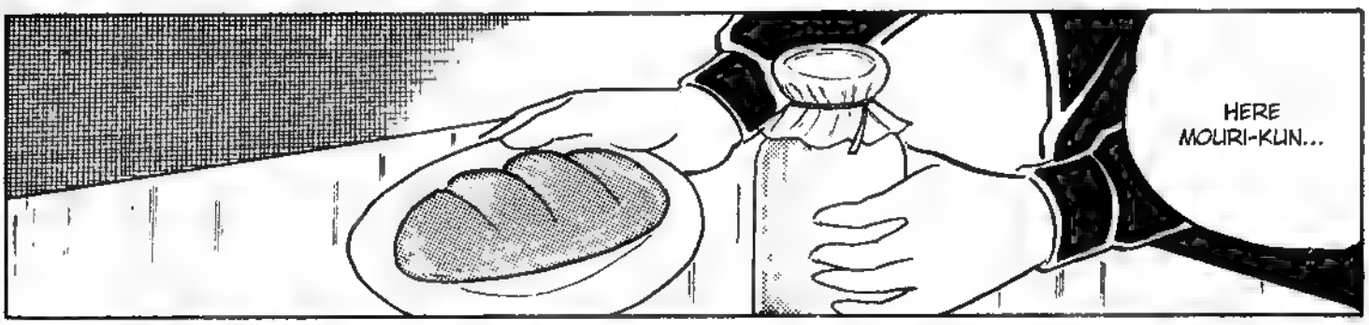
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...


HERE MOURI-KUN...

AND YET WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHO DID IT...
IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE MARUI-KUN'S MURDER.
EEEH?!
CALM DOWN, WE CAN NOW FIND OUT WHO DID IT.
IT FEELS GROSS. I DON'T EVEN WANT TO COME TO SCHOOL.
GOOD GRIEF.
MM. KUROI-SAN'S LIKE A WITCH. SHE CAN SUPPOSEDLY MAKE USE OF ALL SORTS OF SPELLS...
MAGIC...?
YOU'RE GONNA USE MAGIC I IMAGINE?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT ALL OF A SUDDEN KUROI-SAN?!
WHAT A LOAD OF TRIPE, MAGIC... IT WAS JUST COINCIDENCE...
HMPH!
WHO'D BELIEVE THAT.
YEAH. BACK WHEN I LOST MY PURSE, SHE USED HER MAGIC AND FOUND IT RIGHT AWAY...

AH?!
AH!
L... LOOK THERE!
WHAT'S WRONG MOURI?!

IS SOMEONE TRYING TO PULL A CRUEL PRANK?!
TH... THAT'S MARUI'S CORPSE!
BLACK MAGIC...?!
IT'S NO PRANK. THIS IS ME USING BLACK MAGIC.
LOOK! IT'S THIS WHITE POWDER!
A LITTLE OF HIS BONES!
ASKED HIS PARENTS FOR...
BACK DURING MARUI-KUN'S FUNERAL... I...

WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
AND THAT'S ALSO WHAT YOU DRANK!
EEH, HIS BONES?!
GEEEEEH!
BUT WASN'T THAT MILK?!

AHAHAHAHAHA!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHETHER IT'S A JOKE OR NOT.
K... KUROI-SAN, DON'T TRY AND JOKE AROUND LIKE THAT!
THIS WILL SHOW WHO MARUI-KUN'S MURDERER IS!

NOW, MARUI-KUN! DETEST WHOEVER IT WAS THAT KILLED YOU! HAVE THAT DETESTABLE BLOOD GROW ALL THE MORE VIOLENT AND BURN!

CURSE THEM!
CURSE THEM!

UUH... IT HURTS...
I... I SUDDENLY FELT A PAIN IN MY CHEST!
AH, WHAT'S UP WITH MOURI-KUN?!
UFUFUFU...
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
THE ONE WHO KILLED MARUI-KUN WAS YOU, MOURI-KUN.
SHIT! THIS IS ALL A TRICK!
UGEEH... I... I... IT HURTS!
AAARGH!

SH... SHE'S JUST TRYING TO TRICK YOU!
L... LISTEN TO ME EVERYONE!
OH MY!
WH... WHAT?! THREATS LIKE THAT WON'T WORK ON ME!
BUT IT'S TOO LATE. MARUI-KUN'S CURSE IS COURSING THROUGH YOUR BODY.
I SEE... SO YOU'RE GOING TO LIE UNTIL THE END.

AH!
EVERYONE... LIST... EN... MOURI-KUN... KILLED... KILLED... ME...
UUUUUH!

I... IT WASN'T ME! I'M NOT THE CULPRIT!

THIS IS ALL HER TRAP!

SHUT IT!
SHIT, SCREW YOUUUU!

UH!
STOP THIS POINTLESS STRUGGLE. WASN'T IT YOUR MODEL GUN THAT KILLED ME...

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I'M NOT... THE CULPRIT...
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HE'S DEAD...
OHOHOHO...
ONCE I CAST THE BLACK MAGIC, HE COULD NO LONGER FLEE.
EKO EKO AZARAK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
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I WAS THE CULPRIT

TH... THERE ARE CERTAINLY A LOT OF VIOLENT SUKEBAN IN THIS TOWN.
A MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL'S CORPSE WAS FOUND HEADLESS. COULD A FIGHT BETWEEN DELINQUENT GROUPS BE THE CAUSE?
THE VICTIM, HIDEKO TSUTSUMI-SAN.
YEAH.
THEY'RE JUST TRASHY BITCHES.
I MEAN REALLY, SHIRAKABA MIDDLE SCHOOL SEEMS TO BE FILLED WITH NOTHING BUT DELINQUENTS.
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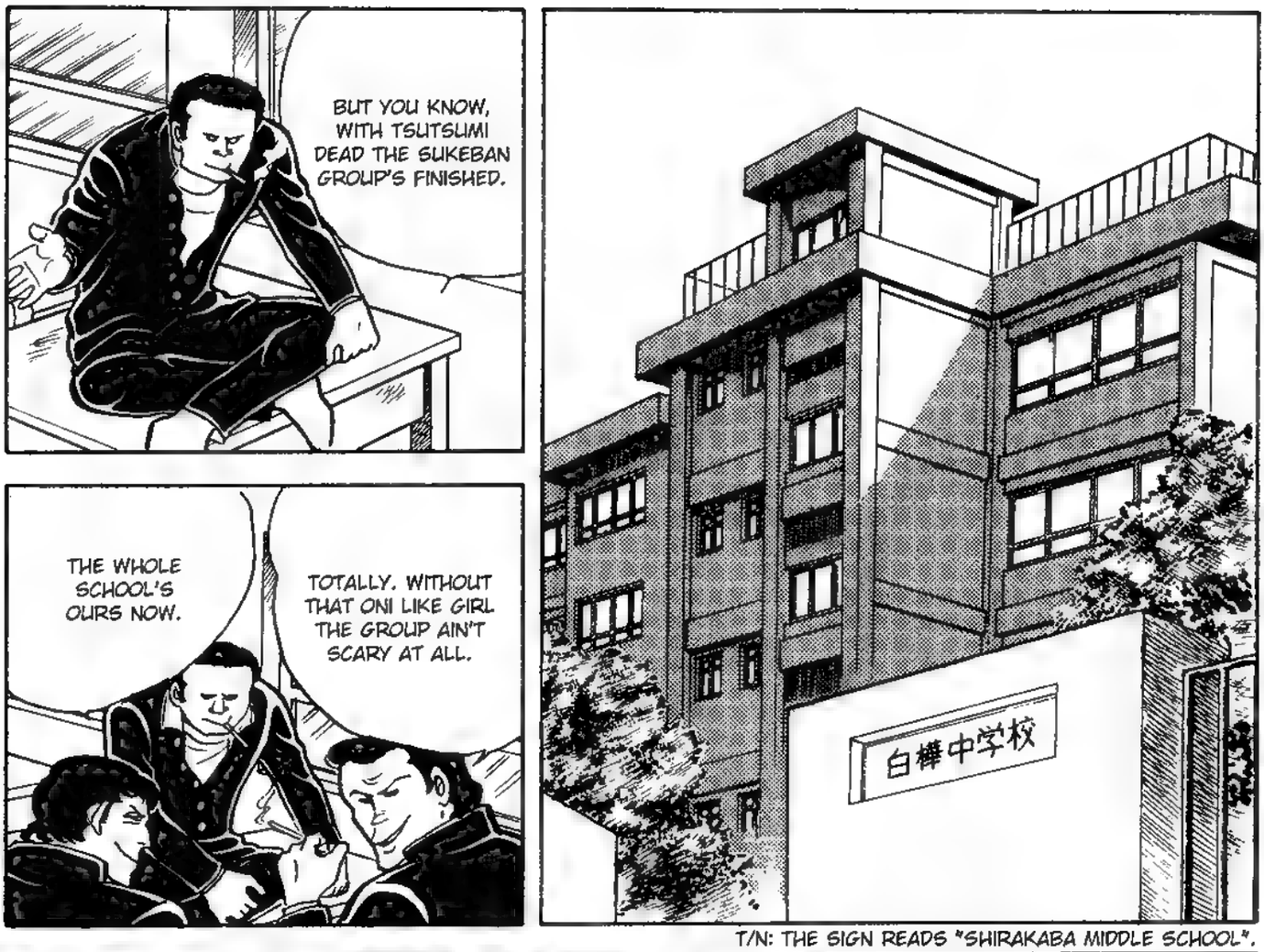
OI, I AIN'T SEEN THAT CHICK BEFORE.
HOW ABOUT NOT GOING TO SCHOOL TODAY.
PRETTY CUTE.
WHAT A LUCKY FIND SO EARLY IN THE MORNING.
FUFU. THE MORE I LOOK, THE MORE I SEE HOW STYLISH YOU ARE.
WH... WHAT'RE YOU DOING...
HEHEHE. LET'S GO FOR A DRIVE...
OKAY!
OI. HURRY UP AND GET THE CAR HERE!

UUH!
IT'S TAMAYO! SHE'S A HIGH UP WITH THE SUKEBAN GROUP!

TRUST THEM TO BE UP AND LECHEROUS SO EARLY ON...
KEH!
OH MY. ARE THERE ONLY THOSE SORTS OF SCARY STUDENTS HERE?
STILL, YOU TRANSFERRED TO A REAL CRAZY SCHOOL.
I'M SET TO JOIN CLASS B.
IF YOU'D BE SO KIND. I'M MISA KUROI.
BUT DON'T WORRY. I'LL ALWAYS COME HELP IF YOU NEED IT.
YEP. NOTHING BUT WOLVES LIKE THAT LOT. NO MATTER HOW MANY LIVES YOU HAVE IT WON'T BE ENOUGH.
EH...?
I KNOW. I HAD A GOOD LOOK INTO YOU ALREADY.


BUT YOU KNOW, WITH TSUTSUMI DEAD THE SUKEBAN GROUP'S FINISHED.
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THE WHOLE SCHOOL'S OURS NOW.
TOTALLY. WITHOUT THAT ONI LIKE GIRL THE GROUP AIN'T SCARY AT ALL.

T/N: THE SIGN READS "SHIRAKABA MIDDLE SCHOOL".

TODAY I'LL BE INTRODUCING A NEW FRIEND TO YOU.
PAIN IN THE ASS. I JUST LIT A FAG.
TCH. TEACH IS HERE ALEADY.
AIN'T NO SEATS THOUGH.
SHAME, BUT WE'VE A FULL HOUSE.
W... WOAH THERE!
MOVE IT!

THE HELL'S SHE GONE AND TAKEN THE OTHER CHICK UNDER HER WING FOR.
YOU CAN USE THIS ONE.
ALRIGHT KUROI-SAN.
GOT IT?!
LISTEN UP. I WON'T LET ANYONE GET AWAY WITH TRYING TO BULLY THE TRANSFER STUDENT!
NOW, LET US BEGIN CLASS...
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THEY FIGURED OUT WHO KILLED THE BANCHOU!
ENOUGH ALREADY...
IT... IT'S REAL SERIOUS!

COME ON, WHO WAS IT?!
WHAT, IS THAT TRUE?!
SEEMS IT WAS THEIR DEPUTY, REIKO ARASHIYAMA.
IT'S TRUE THEY DIDN'T GET ON PARTICULARLY WELL...
SHE'S GONE AND TRIED TO HIDE HERSELF FROM THE POLICE...
UUH... YOU MEAN THE DEPUTY REIKO...!

THE SUKEBAN GROUP'S CAUSING A FUSS TOO.
HM?!
RIGHT, RIGHT! WE'LL ALL HAVE A BLOODBATH!
SHE'S A TRAITOR WHO KILLED THE BANCHOU. SHE'S GOTTA BE PUNISHED!
GOT IT? WE'RE GONNA FIND REIKO BEFORE THE COPS DO!
EH?!
COME WITH ME KUROI-SAN.
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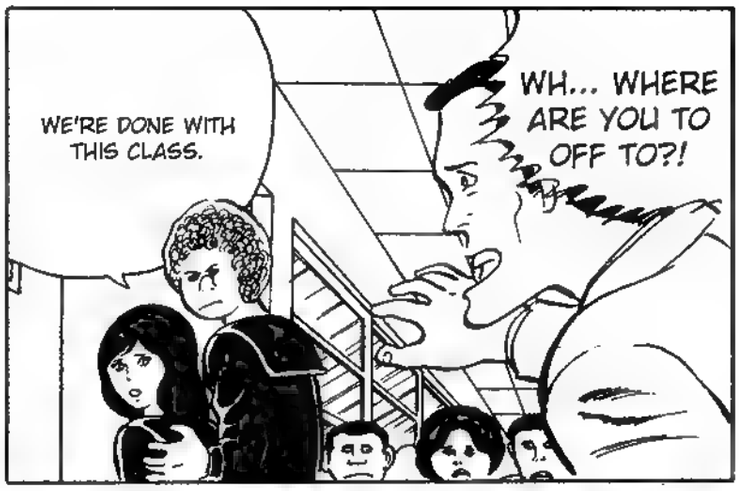
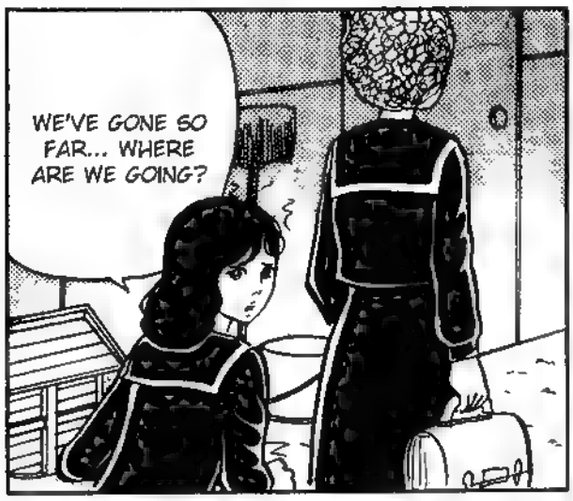
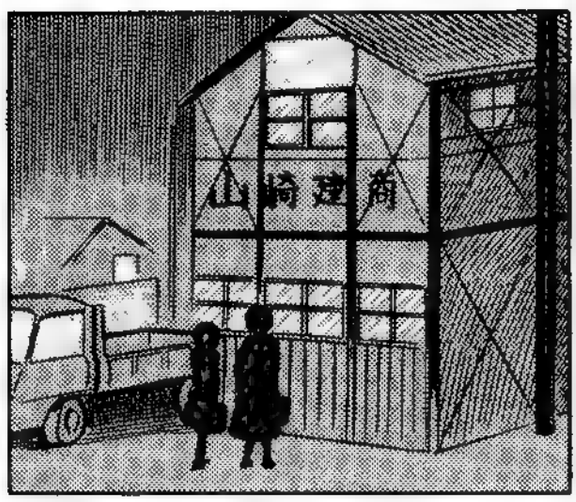

WE'RE DONE WITH THIS CLASS.
WH... WHERE ARE YOU TO OFF TO?!


WE'VE GONE SO FAR... WHERE ARE WE GOING?

JUST BE QUIET AND FOLLOW ME.
SHUT IT.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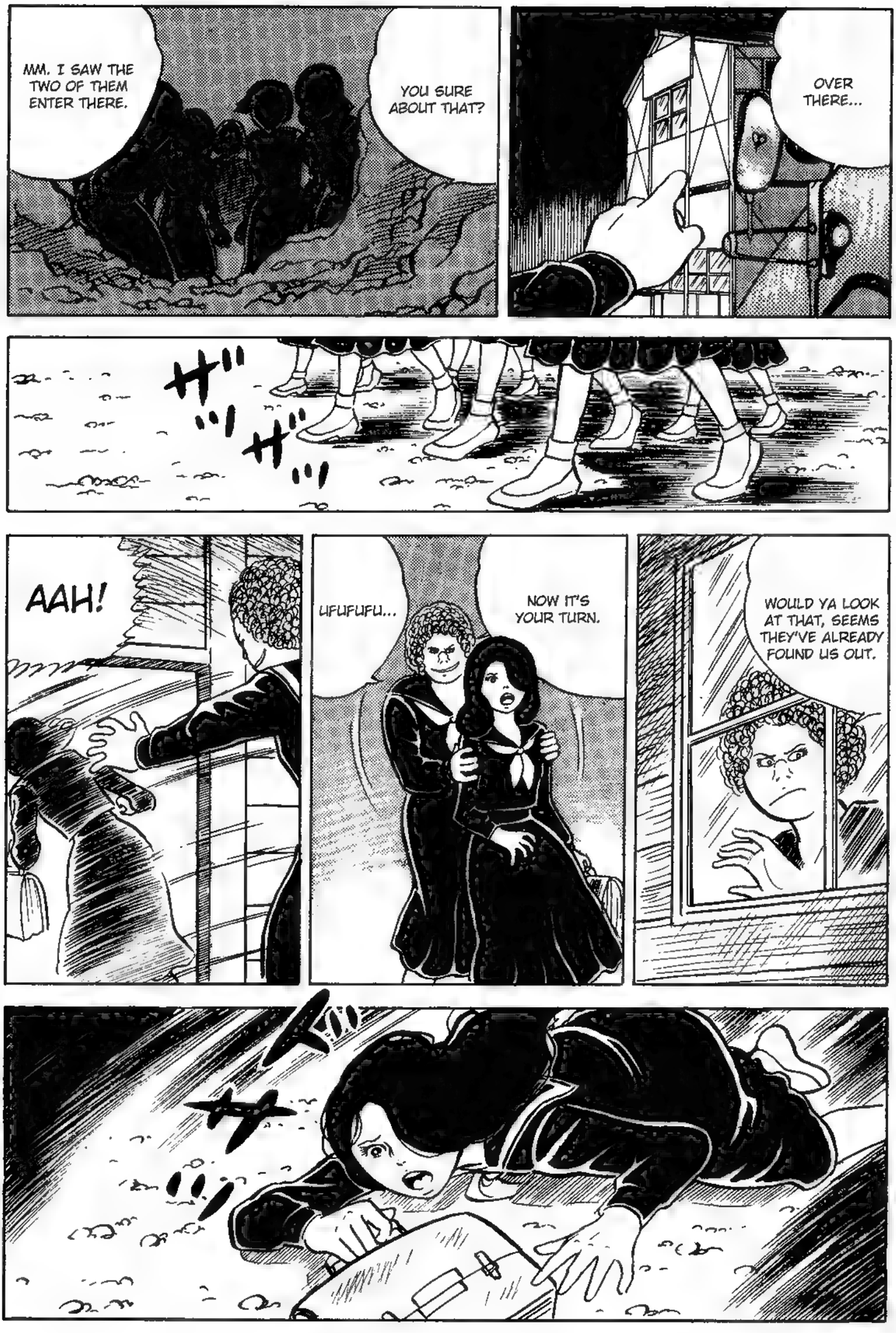
WELL, ARASHIYAMA-SAN?
WH... WHO ARE YOU...?!
YOU'RE RIGHT, SHE DOES LOOK LIKE ME...

YOU SEE, I WAS PINNED FOR KILLING THE BANCHOU.
JUST NEED TO CHANGE THE HAIRSTYLE AND SHE'D BE FIT TO STAND IN FOR ME...
WE REALLY DO!
AH!
AND IF THEY ALL COME TO TRY AND LYNCH ME THINGS'LL GET EVEN MORE HEATED...
WHILE THAT'S ENTIRELY FALSE, NO ONE BELIEVES ME.
EEEEEH?!
THATS WHY YOU'LL BE RECEIVING THEIR PUNISHMENT!
THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH EVEN I CAN'T OVERCOME.

WOAH! NO GOOD TRYING TO ESCAPE.
ALRIGHT, DRESS HER UP IN MY CLOTHES.
PLEASE, STOP THIIIS!


MM. I SAW THE TWO OF THEM ENTER THERE.
YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
OVER THERE...
AAH!
UFUFUFU...
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN.
WOULD YA LOOK AT THAT, SEEMS THEY'VE ALREADY FOUND US OUT.

I'M MISA KUROI!
Y... YOU'VE GOT THIS WRONG!

LET'S FINISH THIS.
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SHAMEL!!
ロシャメル!!
ARISERION!!
アリセリオン!!
MALDOLSHIN!!
メンドルシン!!
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HER... HER FACE CHANGED!
ORIETE!!
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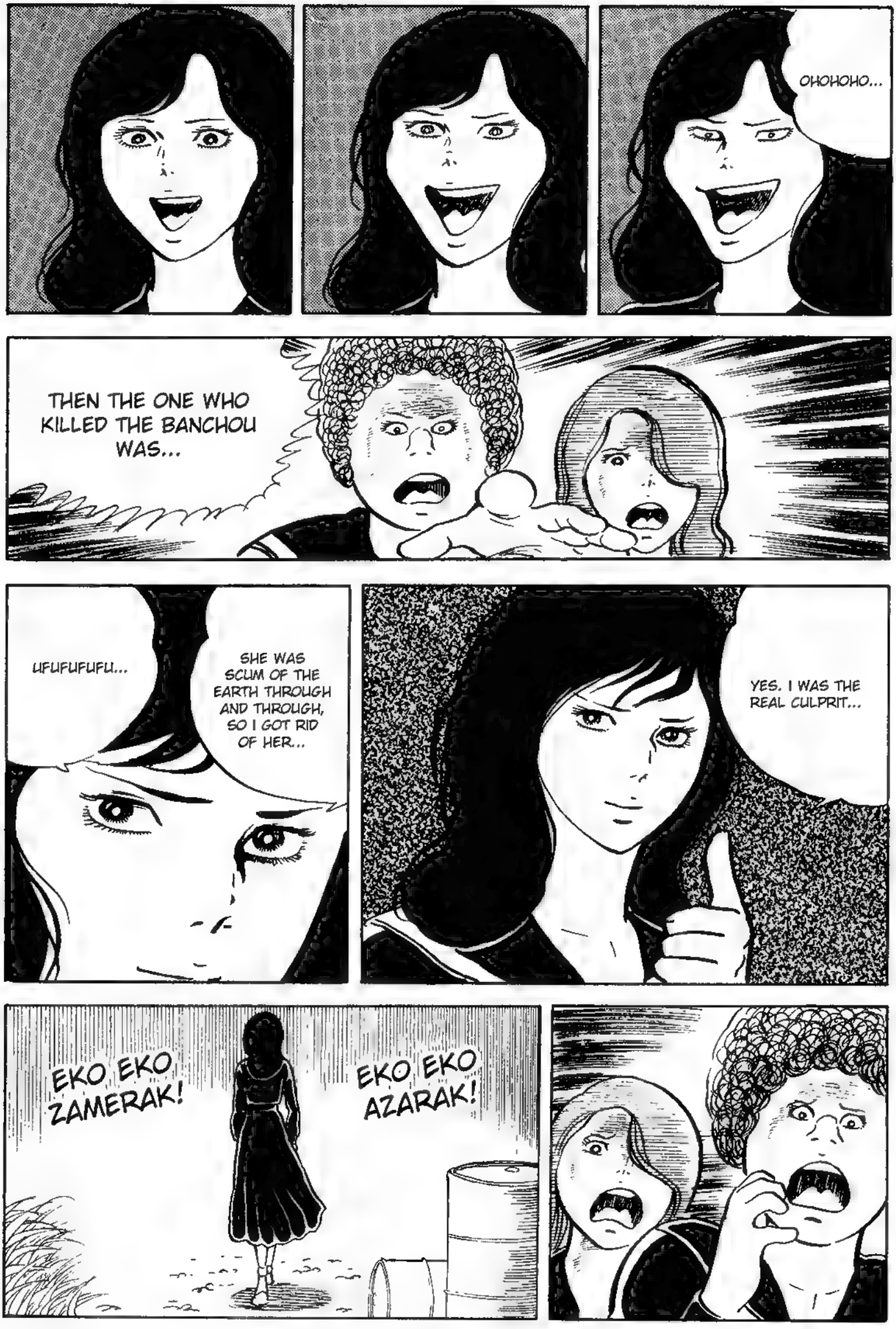
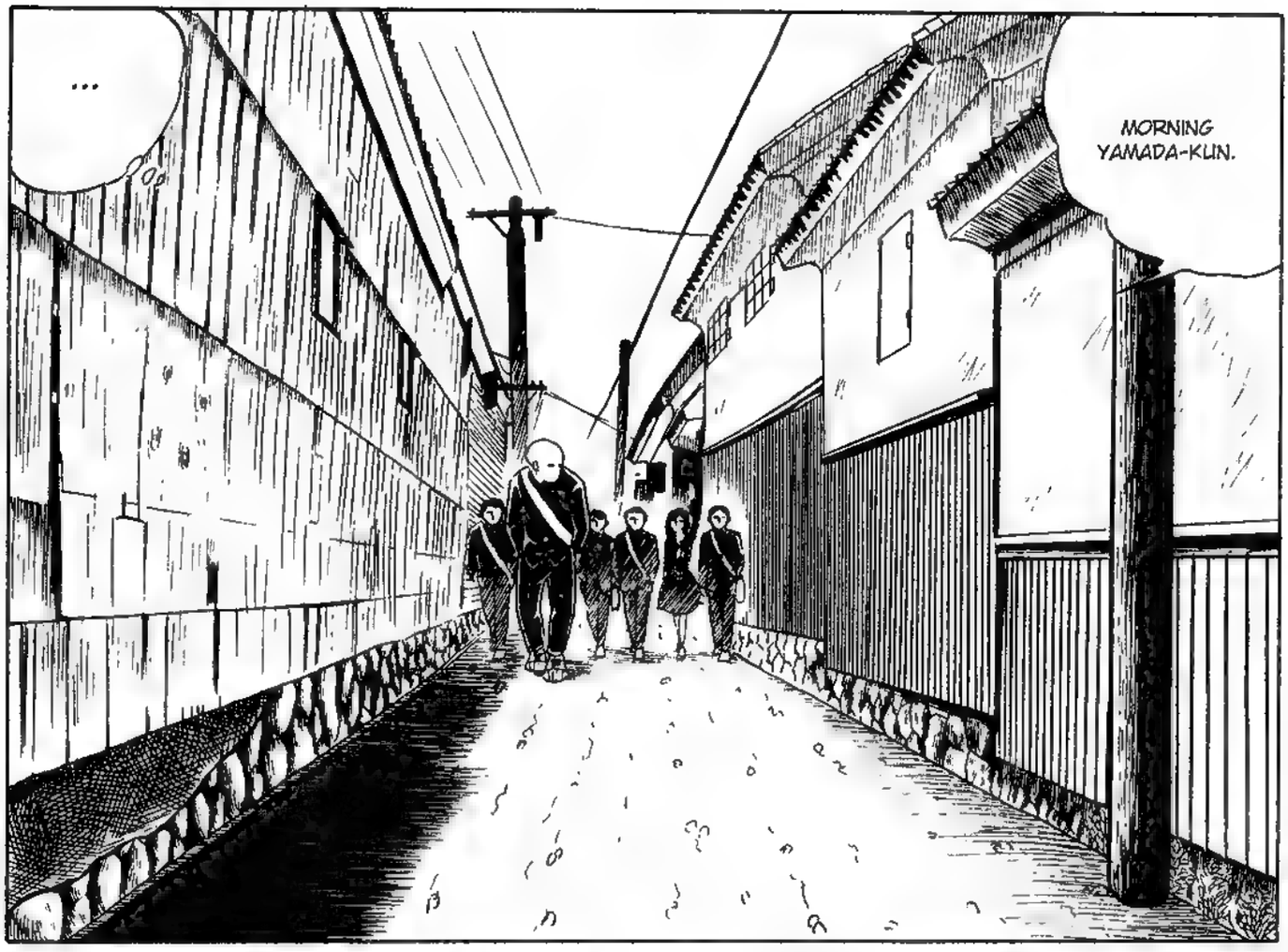
キャアーッ!
THAT'S THE FACE OF THE MURDERED TSUTSUMI-SAN!
USING THIS...
I JUST DID A LITTLE SHAPESHIFTING.
DON'T BE SO SHOCKED!
AHAHAHA!


OHOHOHO...
THEN THE ONE WHO KILLED THE BANCHOU WAS...
UFUFUFUFU...
SHE WAS SCUM OF THE EARTH THROUGH AND THROUGH, SO I GOT RID OF HER...
YES. I WAS THE REAL CULPRIT...
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
EKO EKO AZARAK!

THE MANDRAGORA NOSTRUM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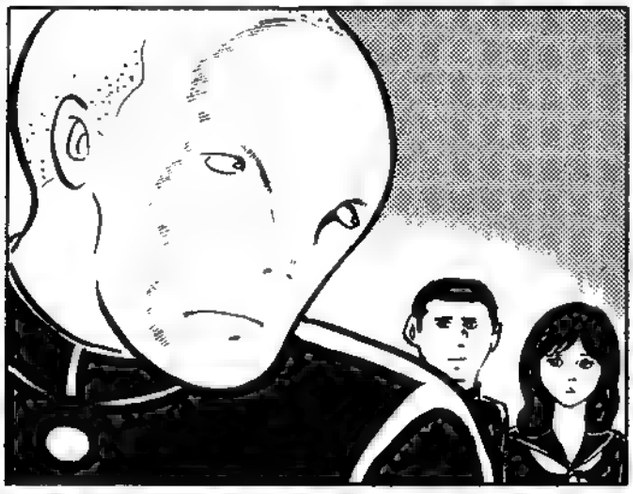
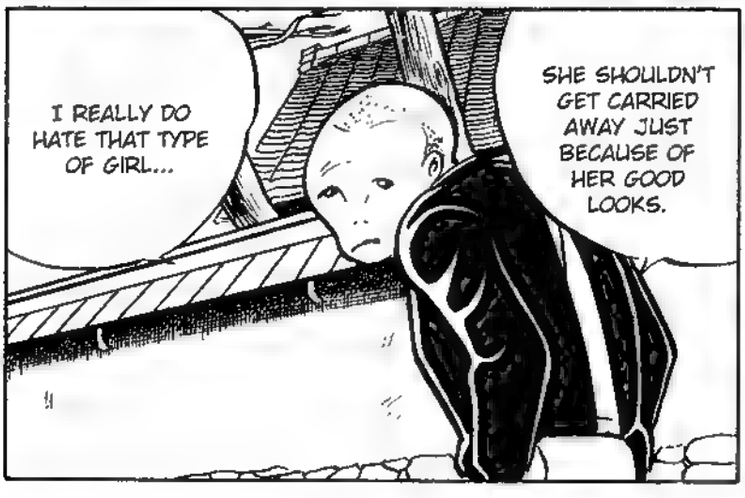
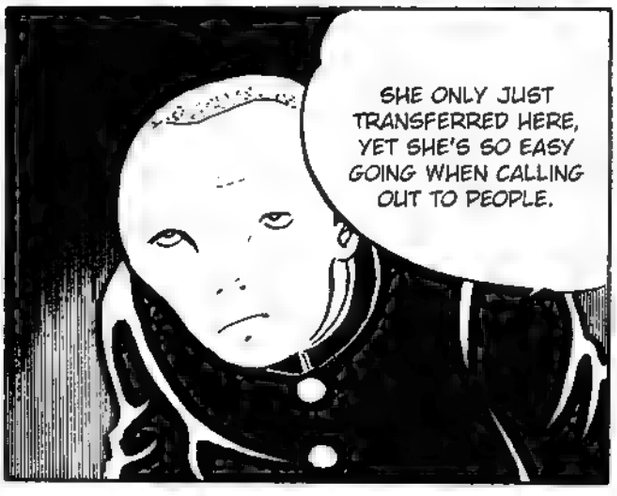
MORNING YAMADA-KUN.



LEAVE HIM BE, HE PREFERS BEING BY HIMSELF.
WANNA GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER?

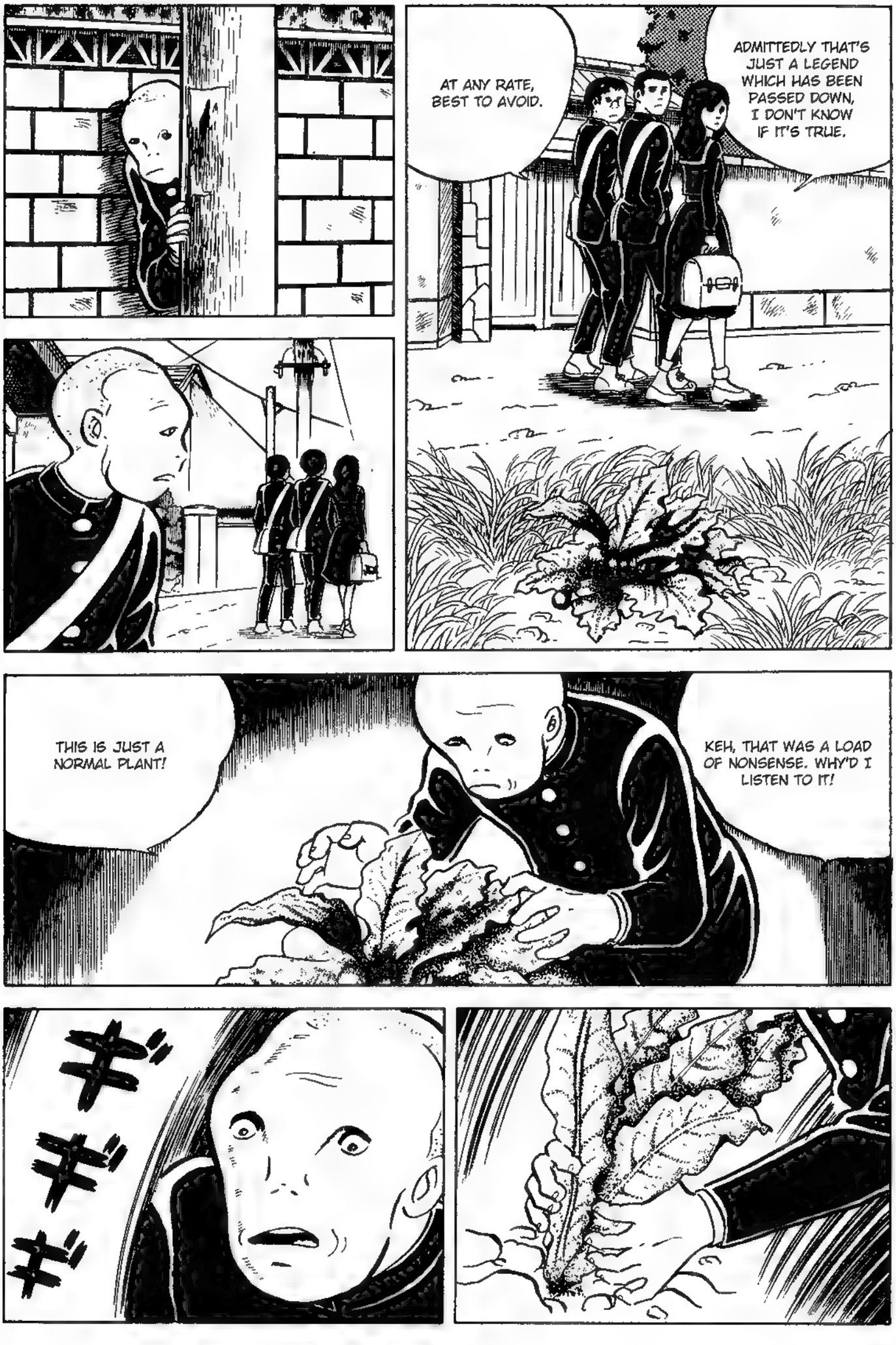

I REALLY DO HATE THAT TYPE OF GIRL...
SHE SHOULDN'T GET CARRIED AWAY JUST BECAUSE OF HER GOOD LOOKS.

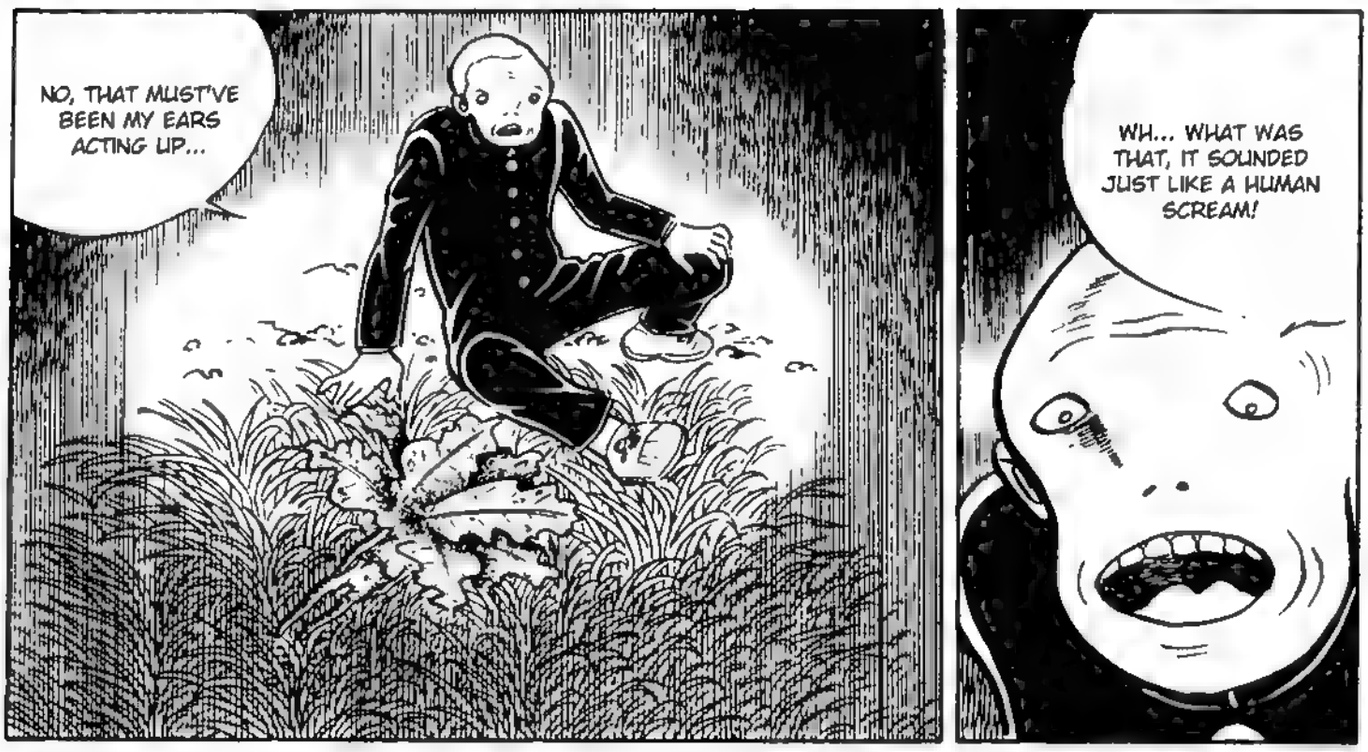

SHE ONLY JUST TRANSFERRED HERE, YET SHE'S SO EASY GOING WHEN CALLING OUT TO PEOPLE.

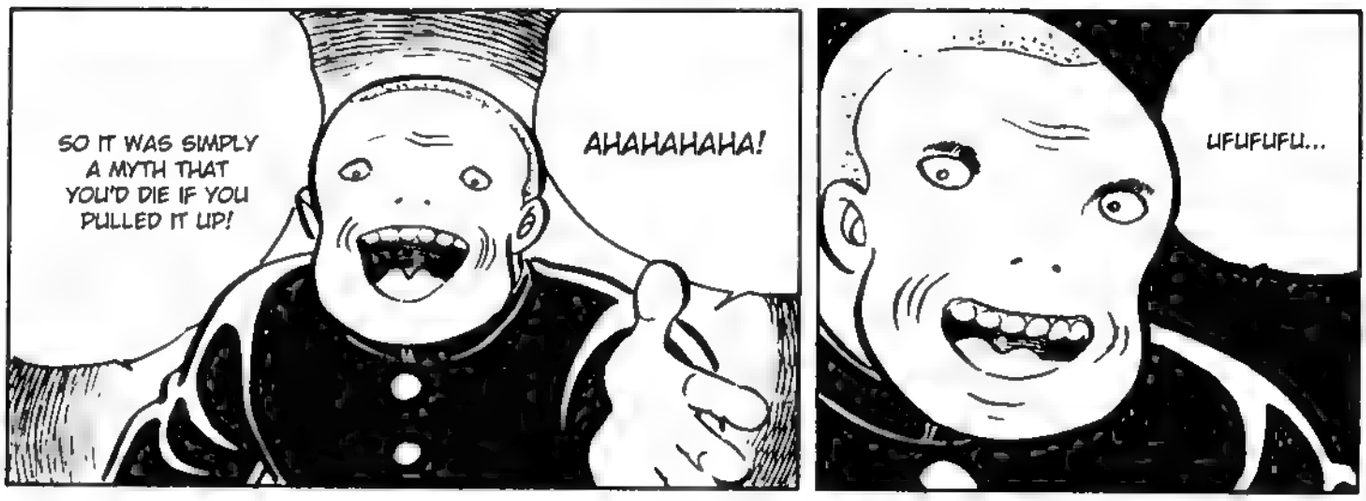
MM. TAKE A LOOK AT HIS FACE, YOU CAN'T TELL WHERE HIS EYES OR NOSE IS!
SLUG...
WE CALL HIM "SLUG".
OH MY!
I MEAN, HE'S A TIMID, GLOOMY, FILTHY GUY!
I THINK THAT'S QUITE CRUEL.
HOW UNUSUAL...
WHAT'S THE MATTER KUROI-SAN?
LOOK, THAT PLANT...

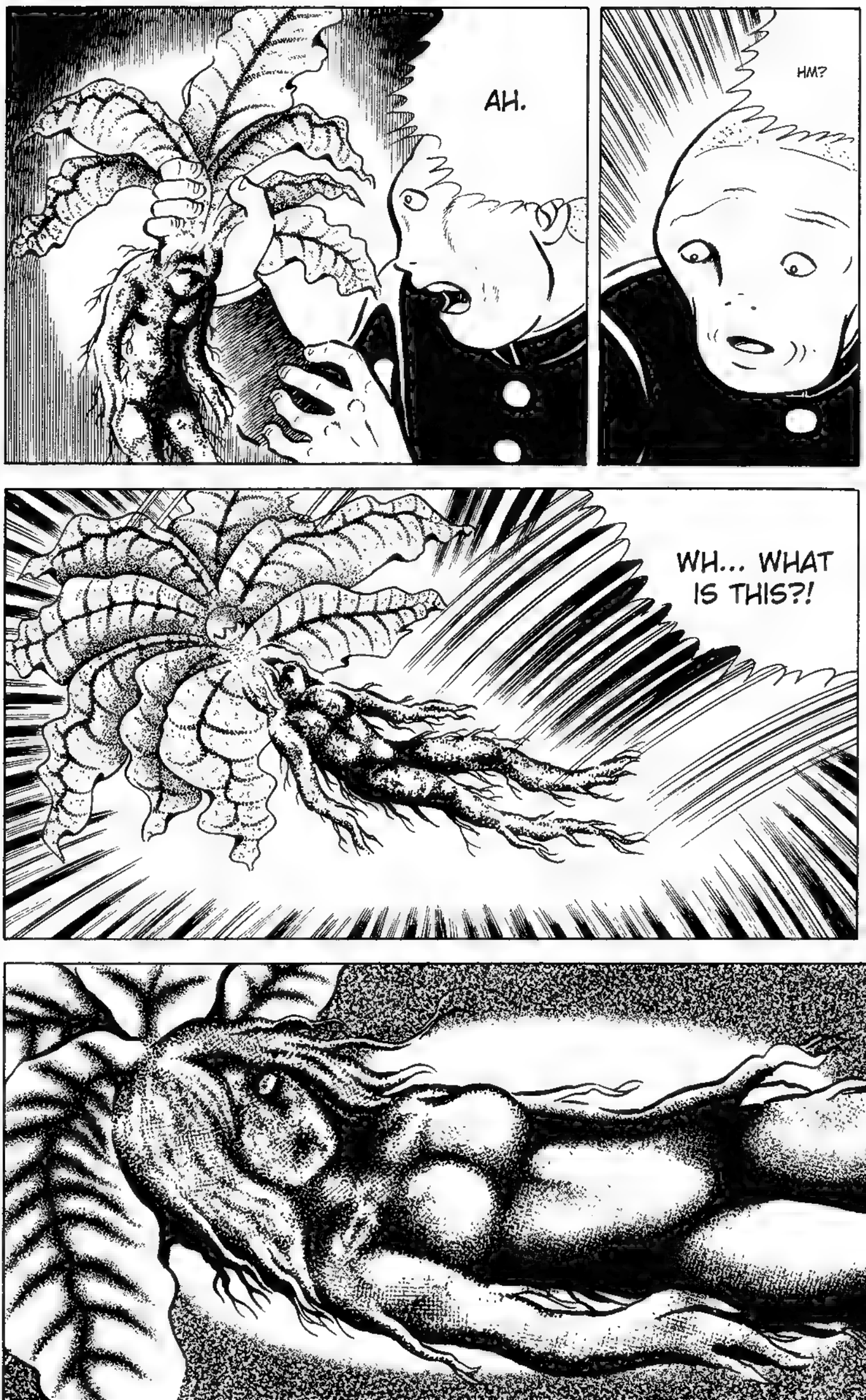
MY, HOW TERRIFYING...
AROUND HALF A YEAR BACK, ROBBERS BROKE INTO THIS HOUSE AND SLAUGHTERED THE FAMILY.
HEH, YOU'RE QUITE KNOWLEDGE-ABLE.
THIS IS AN ABANDONED HOUSE... I TAKE IT SOME SORT OF SINISTER ACCIDENT OCCURRED HERE?
THOUGH IT'S ALSO A KEY INGREDIENT IN MAGICAL POTIONS.
HMPH, THAT'S REAL CREEPY...
THIS PLANT IS CALLED THE MANDRAGORA. IT GROWS IN GROUND SOAKED BY THE BLOOD OF THE CURSED.
HEEEH, AMAZING!
INDEED. IT'S BEEN USED IN ALL SORTS OF MAGICAL SPELLS SINCE THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS...
MAGICAL POTIONS?!

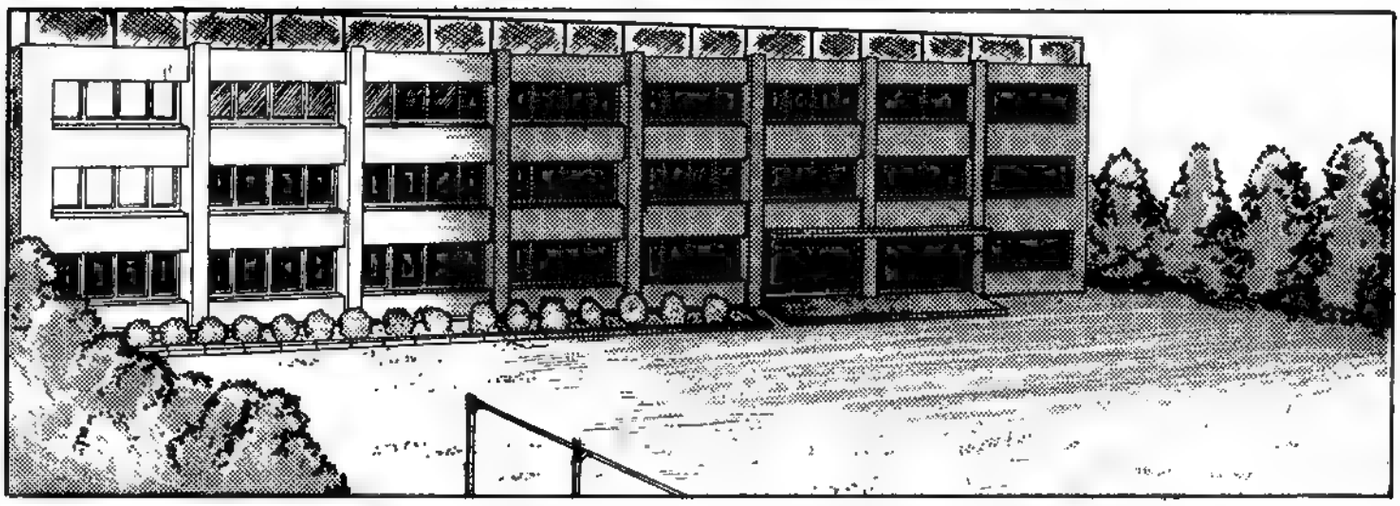
IT'S SAID THAT THOSE WHO HEAR IT DIE ON THE SPOT.
MANDRAGORAS RELEASE AN INCREDIBLE SCREAM UPON BEING PULLED FROM THE GROUND!
EH?!
AH! YOU MUSTN'T UPROOT IT!
SO TO OBTAIN A SINGLE SPECIMEN OF THE PLANT, SOMEONE HAS TO DIE!
REALLY?!
AND IT'S PULLED OUT...
WHLE THE PERSON COVERS THEIR EARS...
THE ROPE IS PULLED BY A DOG...
IF SOMEONE WANTS TO EXTRACT IT, THEN NORMALLYY THEY DIG UP THE EARTH AROUND ITS ROOTS, AND TIE A ROPE AROUND IT...
DOESN'T THAT MAKE THE PLANT LIKE A LIVING PERSON...?
THOUGH THAT MEANS THE DOG IS SACRIFICED.

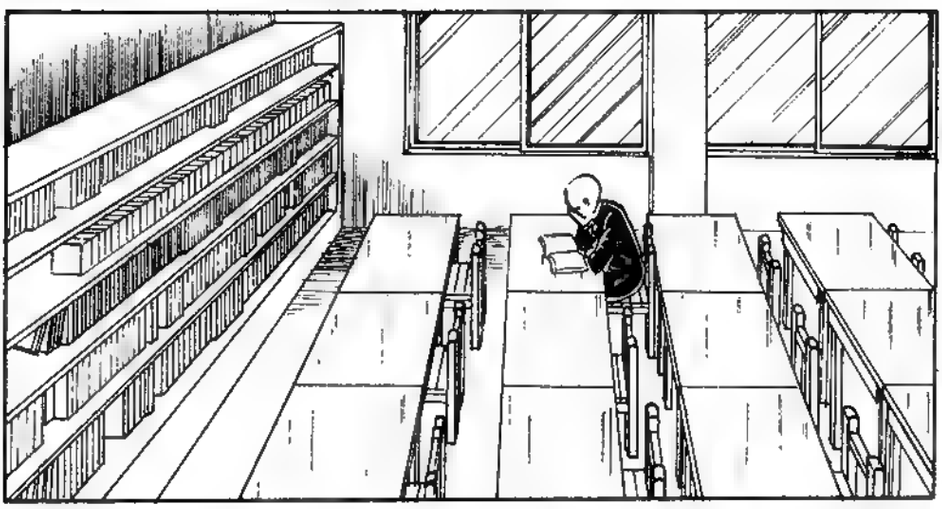

AT ANY RATE, BEST TO AVOID.
ADMITTEDLY THAT'S JUST A LEGEND WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S TRUE.
THIS IS JUST A NORMAL PLANT!
KEH, THAT WAS A LOAD OF NONSENSE. WHY'D I LISTEN TO IT!

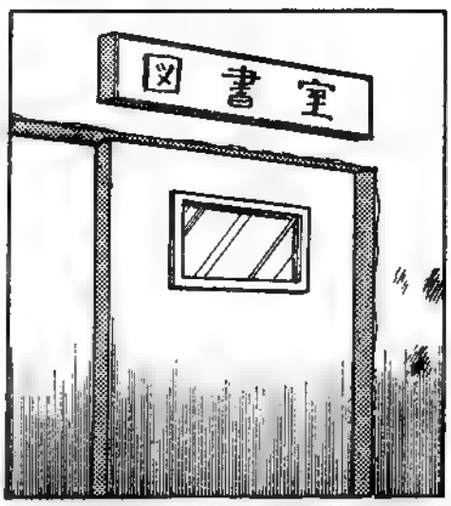

NO, THAT MUST'VE BEEN MY EARS ACTING UP...
WH... WHAT WAS THAT, IT SOUNDED JUST LIKE A HUMAN SCREAM!


SO IT WAS SIMPLY A MYTH THAT YOU'D DIE IF YOU PULLED IT UP!
AHAHAHAHA!
UFUFUFU...

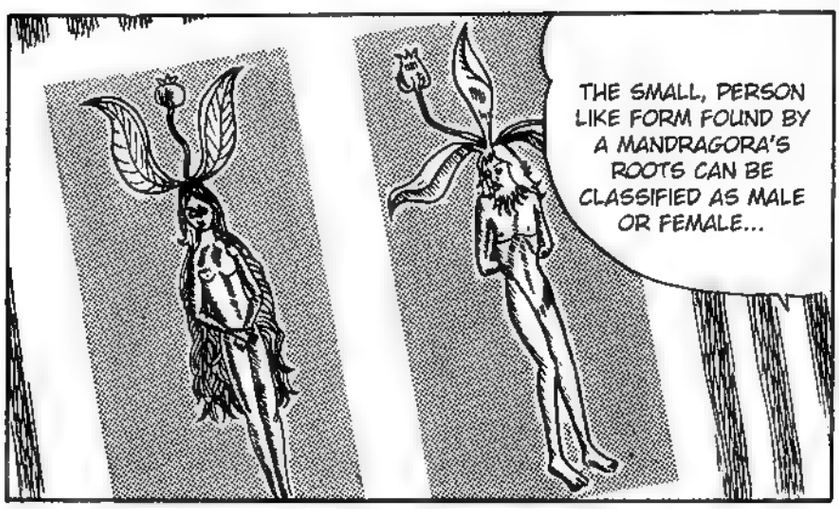

AH.
HM?
WH... WHAT IS THIS?!



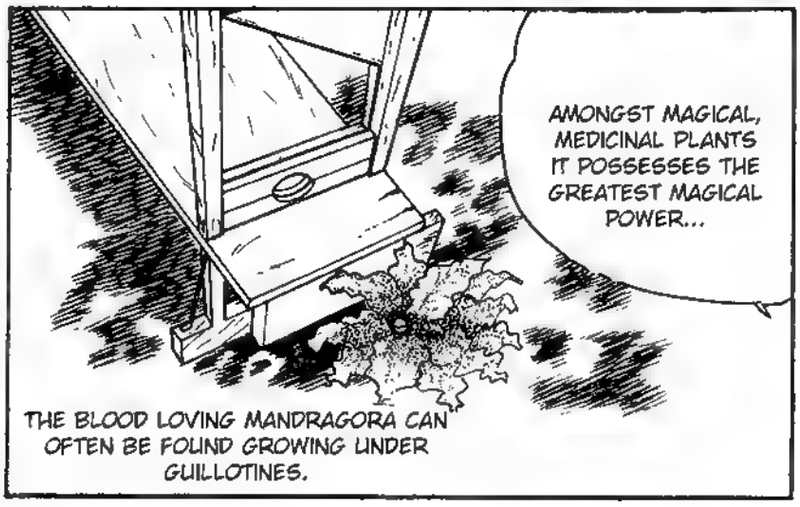




T/N: THE SIGN READS "LIBRARY".

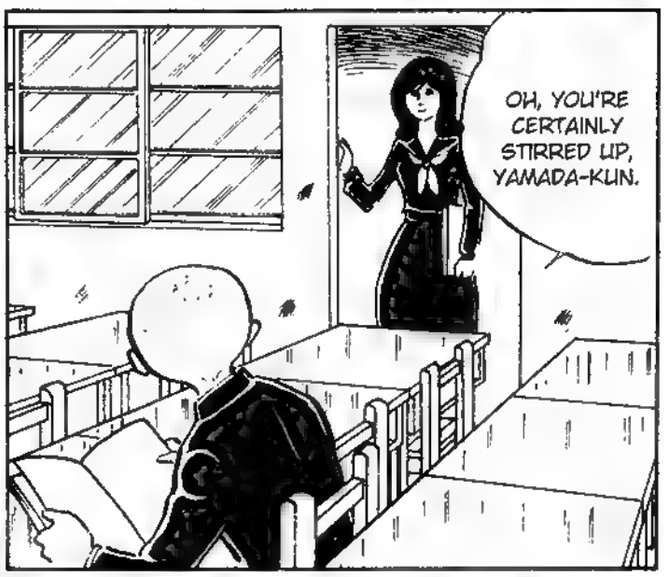


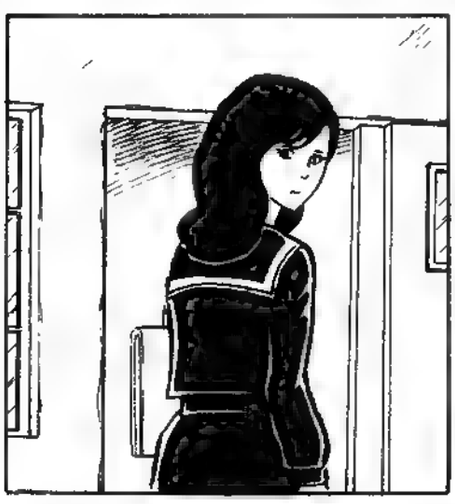
1) IF DRUNKEN BY SOMEONE YOU LIKE, THEY'LL BECOME YOUR LOVER.
2) IF MERELY IN YOUR POSSESSION, ALL MANNER OF GOOD FORTUNE WILL BEFALL YOU.
3) IF APPLIED TO YOUR FACE IT CAN CHANGE IT TO YOUR IDEAL APPEARANCE.
MANDRAGORA'S EFFECTS

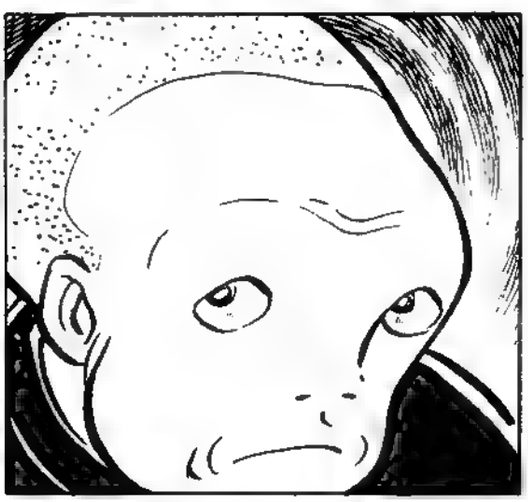

AMONGST MAGICAL, MEDICINAL PLANTS IT POSSESSES THE GREATEST MAGICAL POWER...
THE BLOOD LOVING MANDRAGORA CAN OFTEN BE FOUND GROWING UNDER GUILLOTINES.

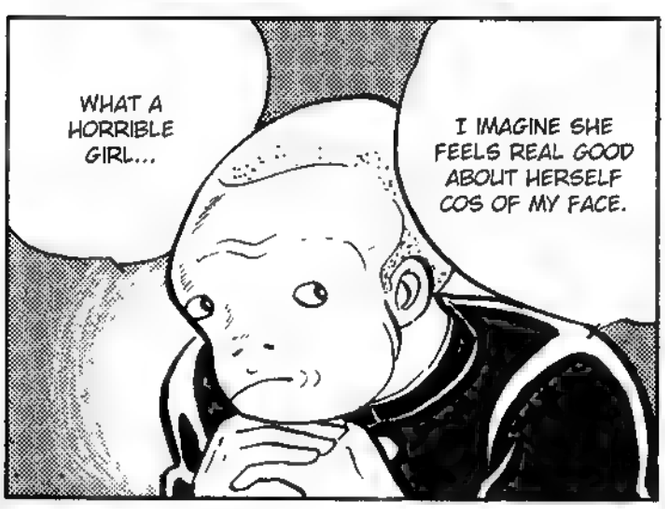
CH... CHANGE IT?!

SHUT UP. IT DOESN'T MATTER.
WHAT BOOK'RE YOU READING?


OH, YOU'RE CERTAINLY STIRRED UP, YAMADA-KUN.






WHAT A HORRIBLE GIRL...
I IMAGINE SHE FEELS REAL GOOD ABOUT HERSELF COS OF MY FACE.

TCH. THE HELL WAS SHE TRYING TO SPEAK TO ME FOR.

AND INTO MY IDEAL FACE THEN...
YET IF IT REALLY CAN TRANSFORM PEOPLE...
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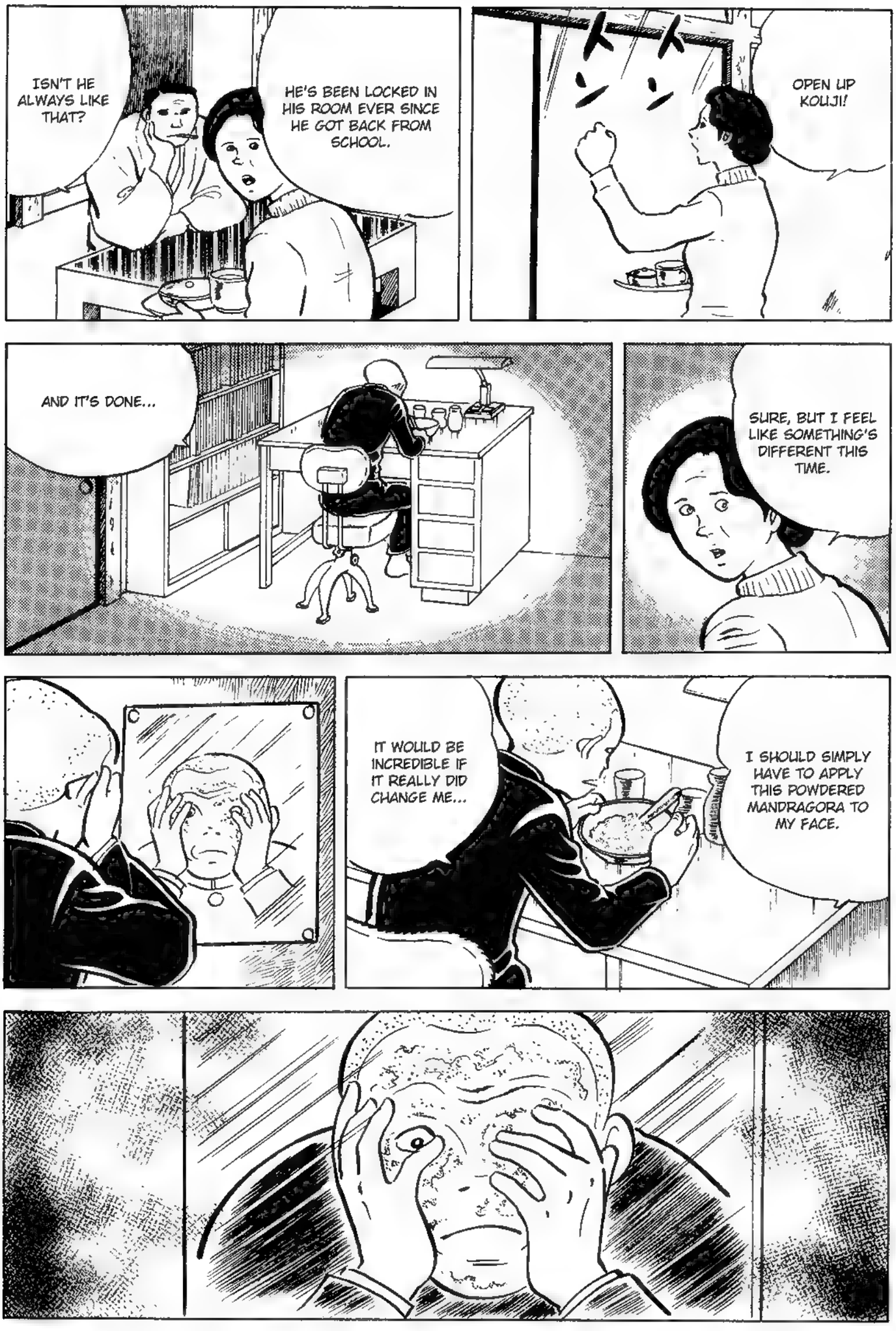
ISN'T HE ALWAYS LIKE THAT?
HE'S BEEN LOCKED IN HIS ROOM EVER SINCE HE GOT BACK FROM SCHOOL.
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OPEN UP KOUJI!
AND IT'S DONE...
SURE, BUT I FEEL LIKE SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT THIS TIME.
IT WOULD BE INCREDIBLE IF IT REALLY DID CHANGE ME...
I SHOULD SIMPLY HAVE TO APPLY THIS POWDERED MANDRAGORA TO MY FACE.

HURRY UP, YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!
KOUJI! WHAT TIME DO YOU THINK IT IS?!
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AH!
I'M STILL SLEEPY...
MM... MMMM.
AH!
KYAAAAAH!
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W...
WOAAAH!
TH... THIS IS MY FACE!

AH HA HA HA HA!

WELL, CATCHA LATER!
YOU DON'T NEED TO LOOK SO SHOCKED. I'M KOUJI.

I'LL BE ABLE TO GET RID OF THE NAME "SLUG" NOW. FUFUFU.
TO THINK IT'D BE SUCH A FANTASTIC CHANGE...

MAYBE I SHOULD TRY AND CALL OUT TO HIM.
HEY, HEY, WHICH CLASS YOU RECKON HE'S IN?
LOOK THERE. HE'S REAL HANDSOME.
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HMPH! THOSE UGLY BITCHES NEVER CALLED OUT TO ME BEFORE!
YOOOOO!
EH, YOU'RE YAMADA?!
IT'S ME, YAMADA. FUFUFU!
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ALL HALF ASLEEP.
UFUFUFU, WHAT?

NO ONE'S GONNA BE CALLING ME SLUG FROM TODAY ON!
LISTEN UP YOU LOT!
B... BUT THIS IS INSANE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
I WANT YOU TO COME UP WITH A BETTER NICKNAME, ONE BEFITTING MY FACE!
WHAT?!
DOESN'T THIS JUST MEAN THERE'S TWO KOUJI YAMADA'S WITHIN OUR CLASS?
THE PRESENT ME IS NOW DIFFERENT!
WELL, THE OTHER YAMADA'S BEEN HERE SINCE EARLY IN THE MORNING, AS ALWAYS.
YOU'RE SAYING I'M TWO PEOPLE?!

JUST LOOK... AREN'T THOSE HIS BOOKS AND NOTEPAD ON THE DESK?
N... NO WAY!
WH... WHAT THE HELL...!
BUT THESE ALL MINE?!
UUUH?!
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FU, CHEEKY BASTARD!
OI! WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO COME INTO OTHER CLASSES WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S NAME?!

JUST KICK HIM OUT!
THIS GUY'S A LITTLE OFF IN THE HEAD!
YOU'RE WRONG, IT'S ME, YAMADA!
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MAYBE I CHANGED MY FACE TOO MUCH...
WHAT WAS ALL THAT...
HM?!
AHAHAHAH!

QUITE. IT'S ME, KOUJI YAMADA.
AH, TH... THAT FACE IS...?!
IHIHIHIIII!
Y... YOU MONSTER, I'LL KILL YOU!
HEHEHE. SO LONG AS I'M YOU, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO...
WH... WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
FUCK, DIEEEEE!

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LOOK AT THAT UGLY, SWOLLEN MUG OF YOURS!
HAHAHAHA, SERVES YOU RIGHT!
AHAHAHAHA!
YOU DON'T EVEN LOOK HUMAN!
RIGHT... I FELL ASLEEP AFTER APPLYING THE POWDERED MANDRAGORA TO MY FACE.
IT WAS JUST A DREAM...
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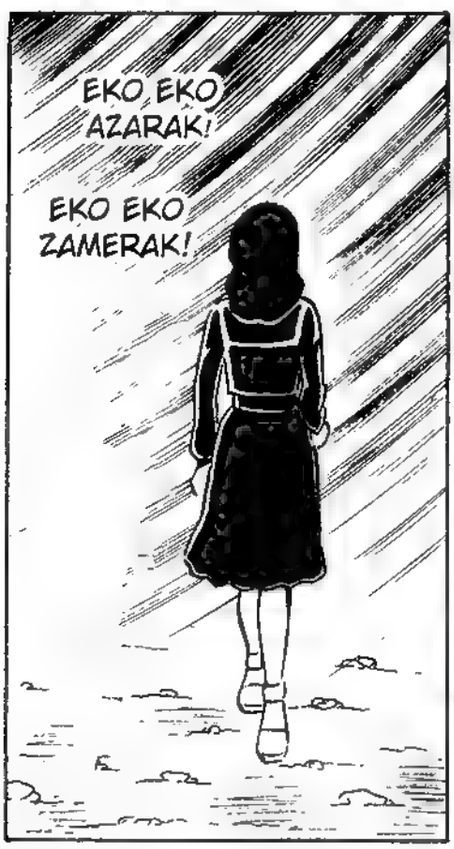
AH!
TCH. I'D FINALLY BECOME A HANDSOME BOY...

GEEEH! IT... IT WAS MY FACE?!


EKO EKO AZARAK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!

FROM MODERN MEDICINE WE KNOW THAT MANDRAGORAS CONTAIN A DEADLY POISON, CALLED HYOSCINE OR SCOPOLAMINE, YAMADA-KUN...

OHOHO, WHAT A DOPE...
LATHERING THAT ON YOUR FACE WOULD ONLY LEAD TO SUDDEN SWELLING.

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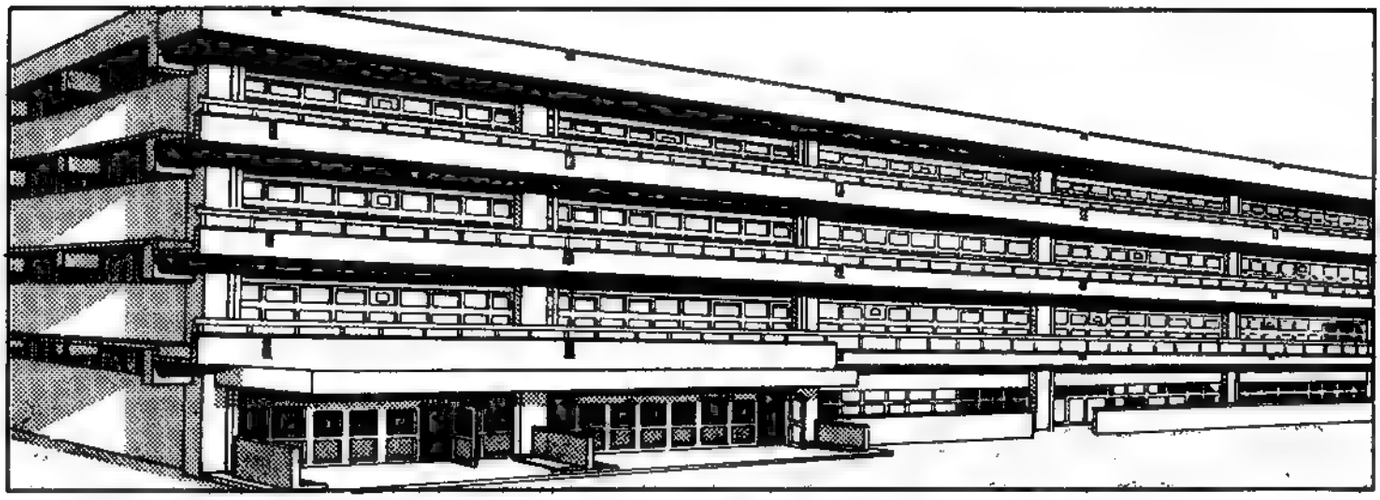
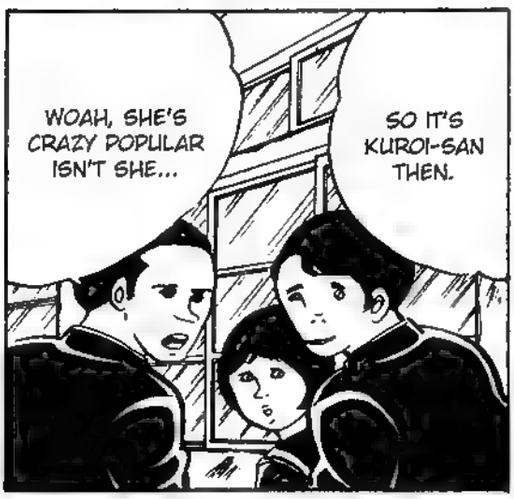
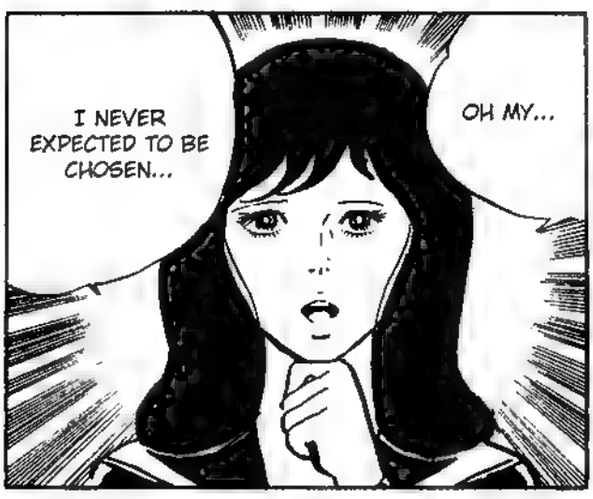
THE SECRET OF THE BLACK BRIEFCASE



HARUO KANEI-KUN HAS TWO...
MISA KUROI-SAN HAS 30 VOTES, HIROSHI MATSUMOTO-KUN HAS 11.


WOAH, SHE'S CRAZY POPULAR ISN'T SHE...
SO IT'S KUROI-SAN THEN.

WE WILL NOW ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE VOTE.


I NEVER EXPECTED TO BE CHOSEN...
OH MY...

TRUST THE BOY'S TO PINE AFTER HER...
REALLY NOW. YOU'RE THE HARDEST WORKER IN CLASS, AND PRETTY TOO...

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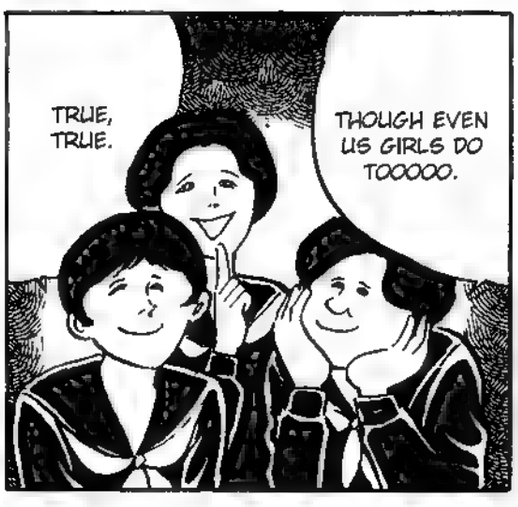
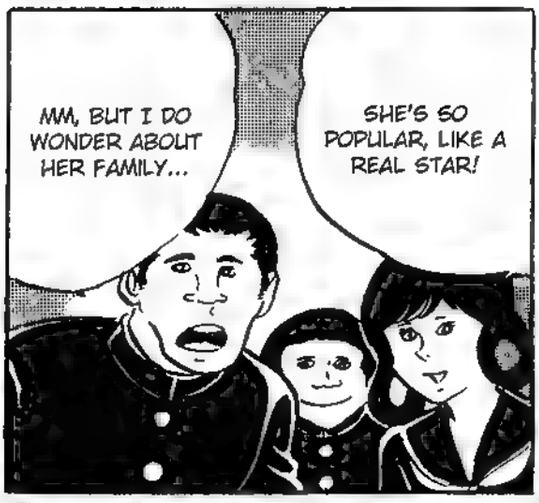
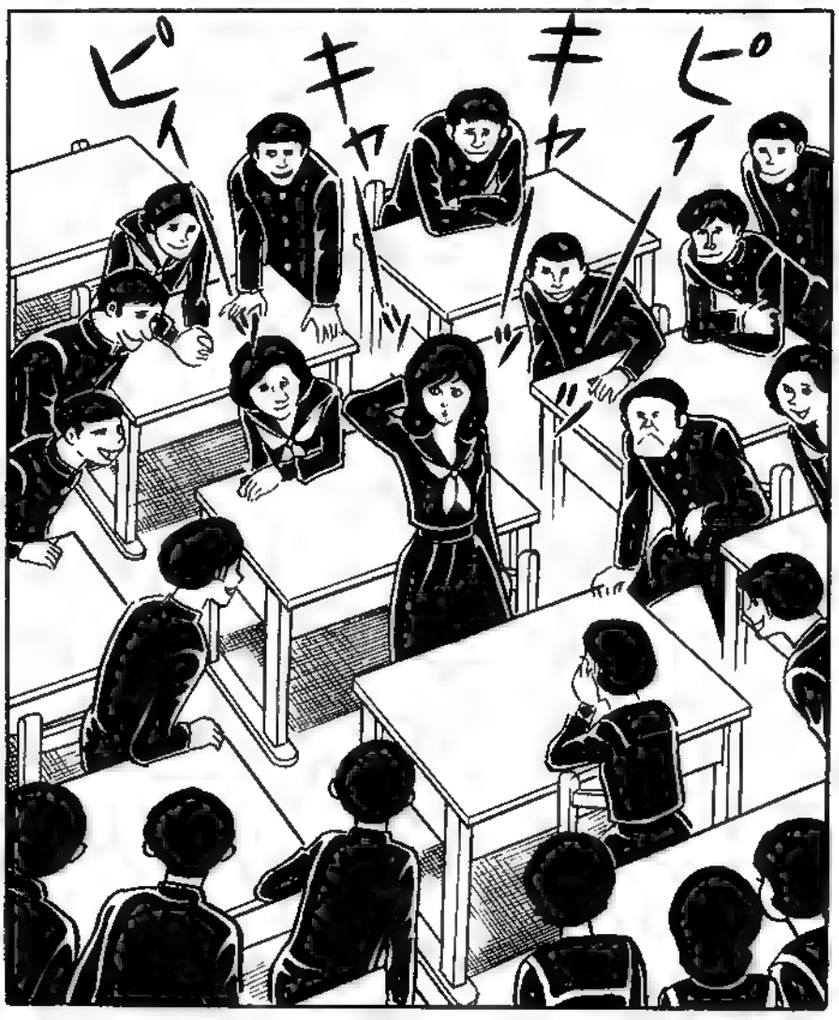
BUT I'M A BIT WORRIED, I'M NOT SURE I CAN DEAL WITH THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES.


TRUE, TRUE.
THOUGH EVEN US GIRLS DO TOOOOO.


MM, BUT I DO WONDER ABOUT HER FAMILY...
SHE'S SO POPULAR, LIKE A REAL STAR!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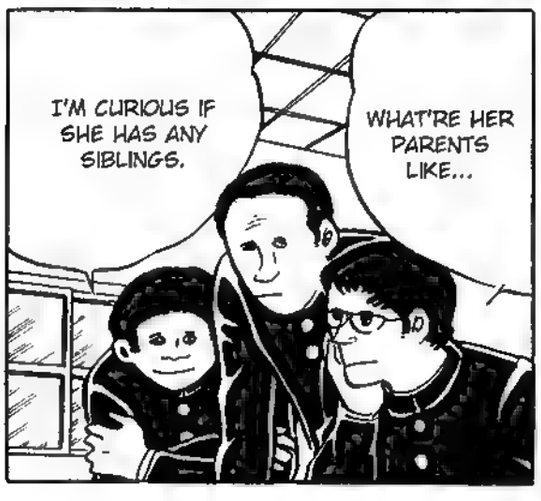

I'M CURIOUS IF SHE HAS ANY SIBLINGS.
WHAT'RE HER PARENTS LIKE...

IT'S NOT GOOD TO PRY, BUT MAYBE SHE HAS SOME SORT OF SHADOWY PAST WHICH IS WHY SHE DOESN'T TALK ABOUT IT.
SHE DOESN'T SAY A THING EVEN WHEN ASKED.
COME TO THINK OF IT, WE DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT HER PAST.
APPARENTLY SHE EVEN KNOWS HOW TO USE MAGIC.
I BET SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF A MASSIVE COMPANY.
YEAH, YEAH. SHE'S A REFINED, VERY UPFRONT GIRL.
SHE'S ALWAYS SO CHEERFUL THOUGH, MISA-SAN COULDN'T HAVE ANY DARK SHADOWS!
HAH!
MY, WHAT'RE YOU SO SECRETIVE ABOUT.
WHAT A MYSTERIOUS GIRL.
YEAH YEAH, I'VE HEARD THAT TOO.
I... IT WAS NOTHING, KUROI-SAN!
HOW ABOUT I JOIN YOU?

COME ON THEN, CARRY ON.
OH, SOUNDS AMUSING...
WE WERE JUST BITCHING ABOUT OUR HOMEROOM TEACHER. HEHEHE...
I GUESS YOU'RE WARY WITH ME BEING THE CLASS REP NOW.
WELL...
?
YEAH...
WHATEVER MAY BE, WE NEED TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING TO TRY AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HER.
AFTER SCHOOL...

DOESN'T LOOK AS IF SHE'S GOING HOME ANYTIME SOON.
YOU KNOW IT...
MM. I'VE NEARLY FINISHED MY KNITTING.
OH, NOT GONE HOME YET KUROI-SAN?
TH... THESE ARE?!
EEH?!
FOR MY DAD.
HOW CUTE, SOME GLOVES RIGHT.

UFUFU, PAPA WILL BE PLEASED!
FINALLY DONE!
MM, HE DOES...
DOES YOUR FATHER REALLY HAVE SUCH SMALL HANDS?
NOW THAT'D BE TROUBLESOME. WHAT TO DO...
MY PARENTS...
YOU KNOW,, WE'D LIKE TO MEET YOUR PARENTS AT LEAST ONCE...
DON'T KID AROUND, IT'S LIKE HE'S A BABY!

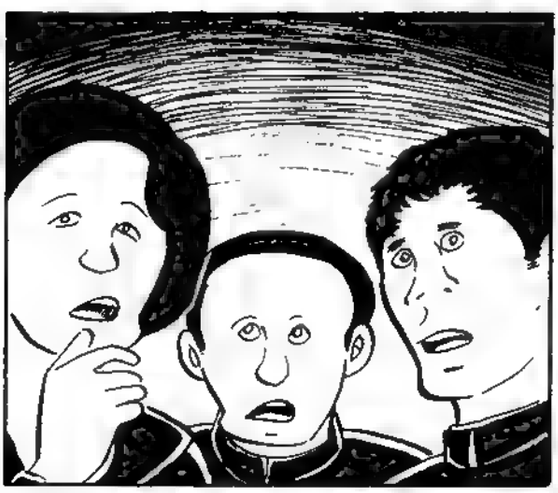
TOMORROW'S SUNDAY SO... WE'LL BE WAITING AT THE PUBLIC PARK.
ON SUNDAYS MY FAMILY ALWAYS ALL GO OUT AND SUNBATHE.
AT THE PUBLIC PARK?
I'LL NEED TO GET BACK QUICK, IT'S SCARY AT NIGHT.
IT'LL BE DARK SOON
AH! NO GOOD.
BYE BYE!
WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW.

KYAAAH, STOP THAT!
SIS!
AH, THE NEIGHBOUR-HOOD KIDS.
COFFEE
Coffee Candies

AND SO SUNDAY CAME...
KUROI-SAN!
AH, OVER THERE.
EEEEEH?!
NO, PAPA AND MAMA ARE HERE TOO.
HUH... YOU'RE ALONE?

INSIDE THIS BRIEFCASE...
TO PUT IT PROPERLY, PAPA AND MAMA ARE HERE...

THAT'S REALLY AWFUL KUROI-SAN...
STOP WITH THE BAD JOKES!
AHAHAHAHA!



NOW, PAPA, MAMA, WAKE UP.
AH!

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU ALL.
THESE ARE MY CLASSMATES.
ENOUGH OF THIS MISA-SAN!
K... KUROI-SAN, AREN'T THOSE DOLLS?!
TH... THEY'RE NOT... THESE ARE MY PARENTS...

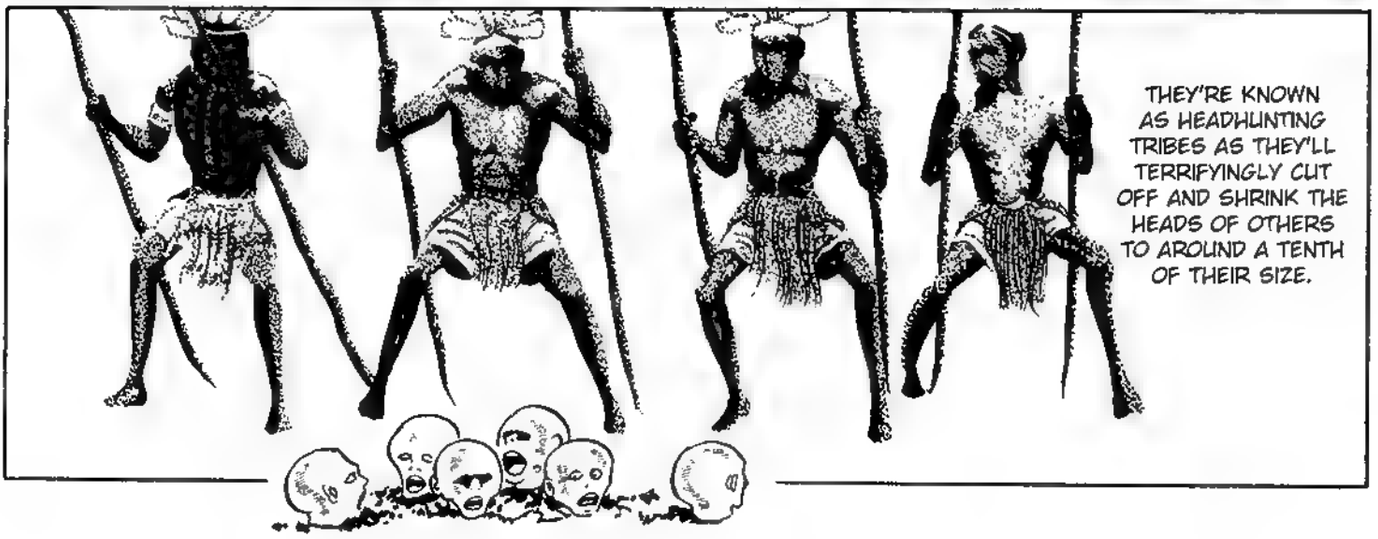
ABOVE ALL ELSE, THEY WORKED ON STUDYING THE 5,000 YEAR HISTORY OF TROLLDOM... IN OUR TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD WE SAW ALL MANNER OF VILE PEOPLE CRAFTILY MAKING THE ROUNDS IN SOCIETY...
MY MUM AND DAD WERE FAMOUS MAGICIANS IN AMERICA.
YET WE WERE WEAK, WE COULD DO NOTHING BUT IDLY COMPLAIN...
PAPA AND MAMA FOUND THEMSELVES BRIMMING WITH STRONG RESENTMENT AT THE INJUSTICE AND ABSURDITY OF IT ALL...
HAVING STUDIED MAGIC ALL OVER THE WORLD, PAPA AND MAMA CRAFTED THEIR OWN UNIQUE BLACK MAGIC AS THAT WEAPON.
TO STAND AND FACE THE INJUSTICE AND EVILS OF THE WORLD, THEY NEEDED SOME ALMIGHTY WEAPON.

HAITIAN VODOU, BY WHICH ONE CAN MANIPULATE THE DEAD...
THE PAIR HAD TRAVELLED ALL ACROSS THE WORLD.
ATHARVAVEDA, PASSED DOWN IN INDIA...
THE VARIOUS MAGICS TAUGHT ACROSS AFRICA...
THE SORCERY OF THE EGYPTIAN PHARAOHS...

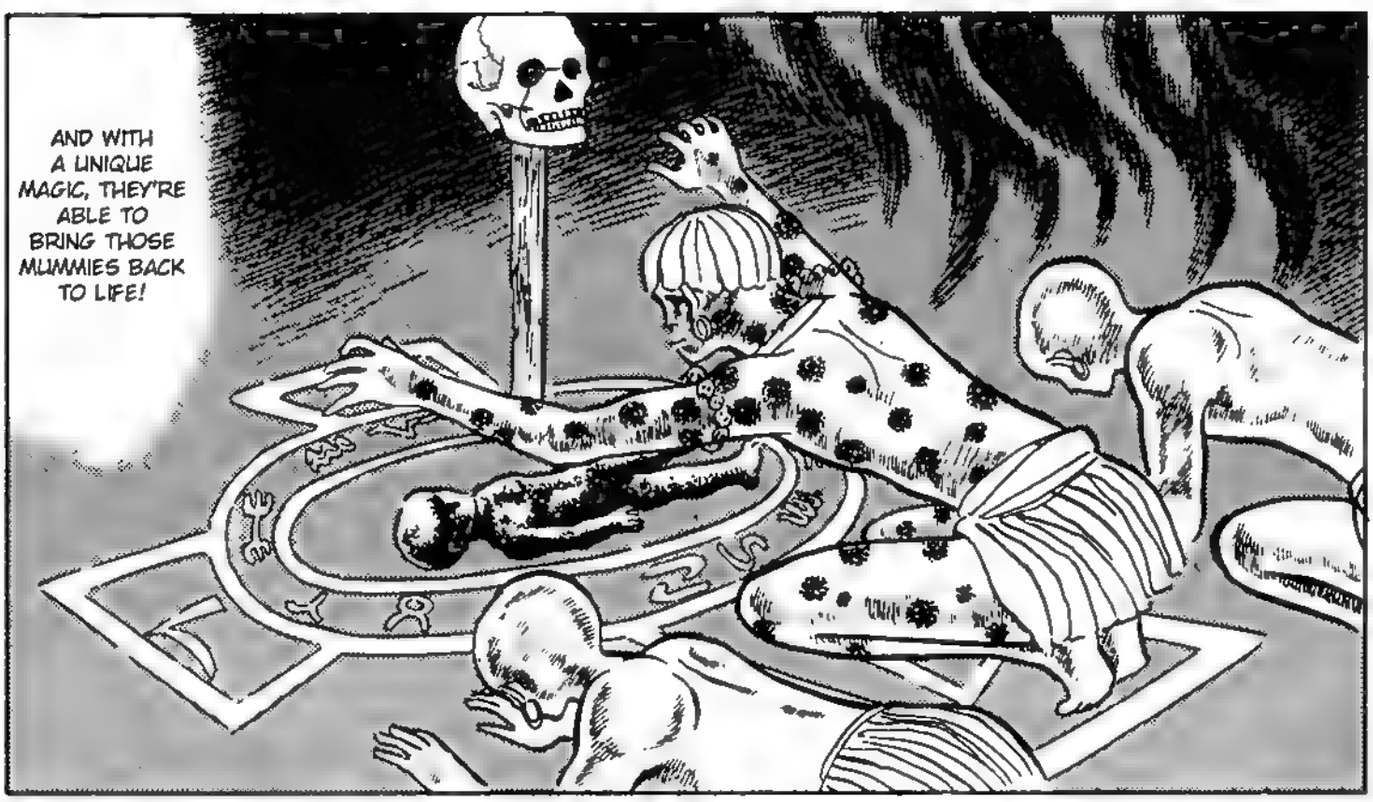
HAVING OBTAINED ALL OF THESE SPELLS AND MORE, ALL THAT REMAINED WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT MAGIC, THAT OF IMMORTALITY.

TO LEARN IT, PAPA AND MAMA SET OFF TO LIVE ALONGSIDE THE HEADHUNTING TRIBES OF INNER ECUADOR.

IMMORTALITY?!


THEY'RE KNOWN AS HEADHUNTING TRIBES AS THEY'LL TERRIFYINGLY CUT OFF AND SHRINK THE HEADS OF OTHERS TO AROUND A TENTH OF THEIR SIZE.

THEIR MAGIC USERS ARE NOT LIMITED TO JUST THE HEAD EITHER! THEY CAN SHRINK AND PREPARE THE ENTIRE BODY!


AND WITH A UNIQUE MAGIC, THEY'RE ABLE TO BRING THOSE MUMMIES BACK TO LIFE!

TH... THEN THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR PARENTS?!
THEIR BODIES DO NOT ROT, SO WHEN THEY DO COME BACK TO LIFE, THEY CAN CARRY ON LIVING...

AH, IT TALKED!
A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MISA'S FRIENDS.
IS... IS THIS JUST VENTRILOQUISM?!
TH... THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE?!
WE SACRIFICED OURSELVES TO TRY OUT THAT MAGICAL EXPERIENCE!
NO NO, PLEASE TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE SKIN ON OUR FACES.

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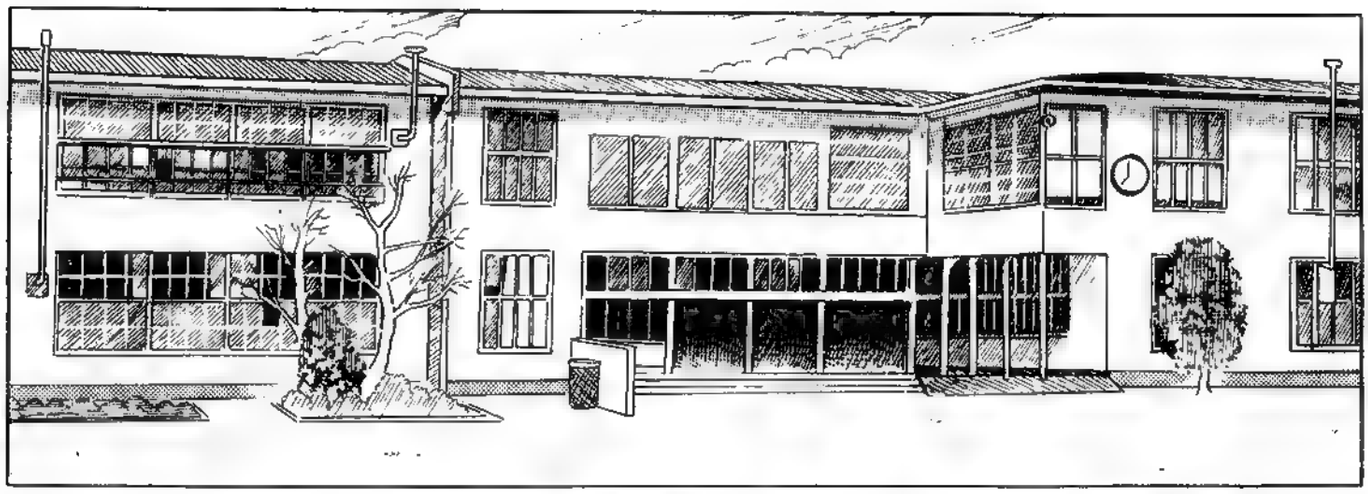
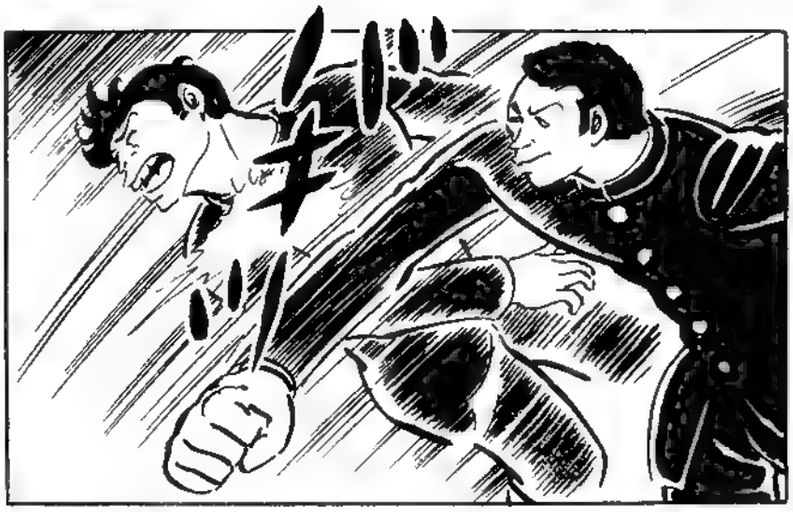
AW...
OOH IT'S COLD, HURRY UP AND GET US HOME MISA.
AH, IT IS.
IT'S GOTTEN AWFULLY COLD, I THINK IT MAY SNOW.
EKO EKO AZARAK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
SEEYA LATER.

THE MAGICAL GLASSES





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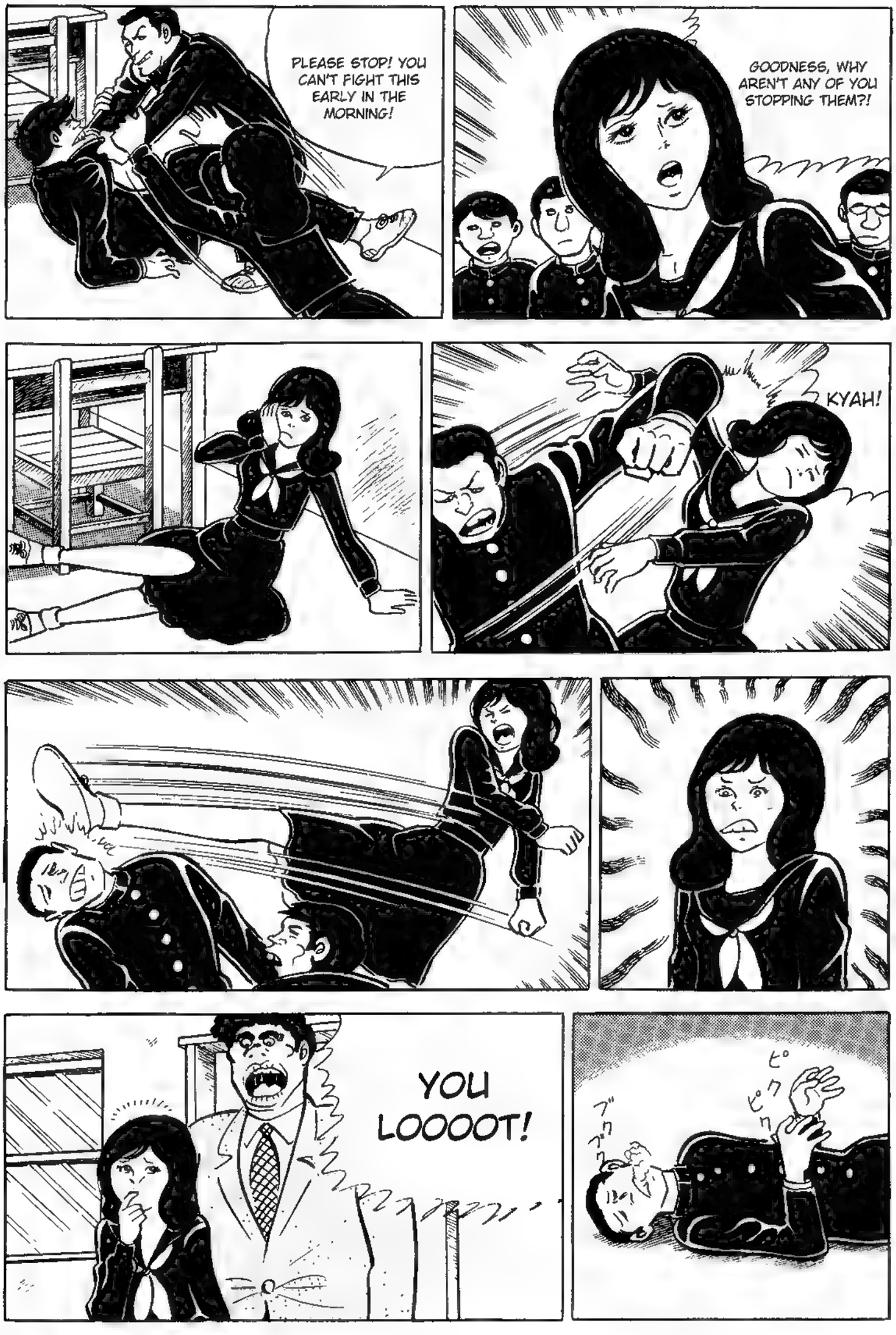
PLEASE STOP! YOU CAN'T FIGHT THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING!
GOODNESS, WHY AREN'T ANY OF YOU STOPPING THEM?!
KYAH!
YOU LOOOT!
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HE WENT AND KICKED MY DESK.
WHAT CAUSED IT ALL?
S... SORRY.
WHY ON EARTH ARE YOU FIGHTING SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?!
WITH THAT OUT OF THE WAY WE'LL BEGIN CLASS.
BUT THAT'S SO TRIVIAL...
YOU SHOULD ALL TAKE THINGS A BIT EASIER...
I FIGURED THERE MIGHT BE A REASON WHY THE CLASS WAS SO MISERABLE.
I SEE...
WE HAVE TESTS COMING UP SOON...
WELL, EVERYONE'S ON EDGE.
STOP IT. HE'LL GET ANNOYED.
I'M GONNA SLEEP.
LIKE I CARE, LIKE I CARE.
TEACH IS WATCHING MISA.
AAAAAH, I'M SO, SO SLEEPY.

THEY'RE MAGICAL GLASSES...
WHAT ARE THEY?
HE'LL NEVER KNOW IF I PUT ON THESE GLASSES.
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SO THEN THE ANSWER IS...
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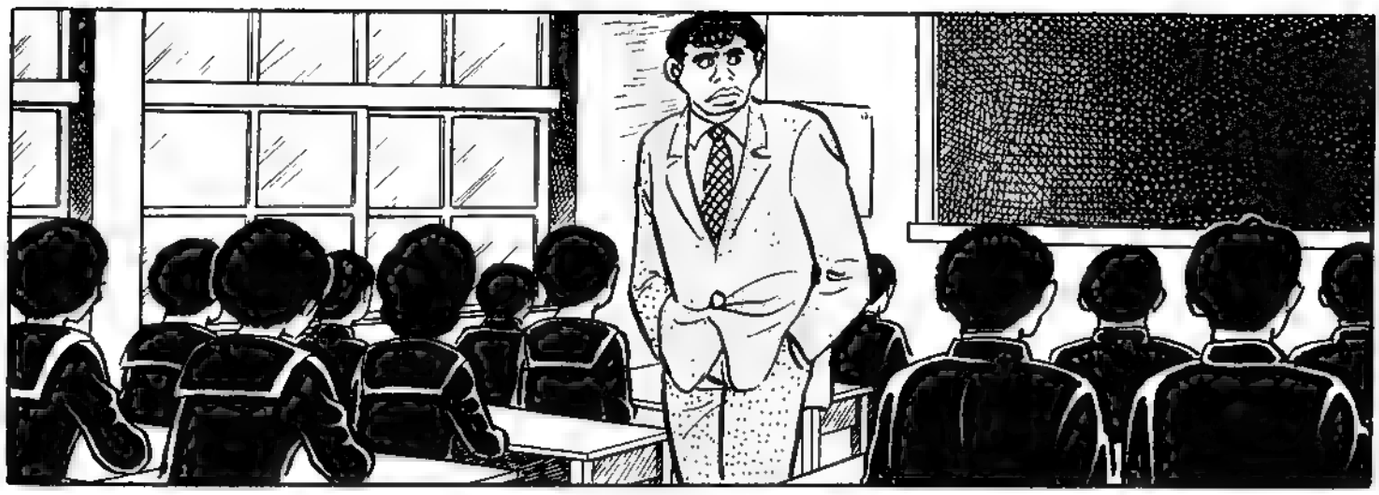

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I'LL BE TAKING THESE.
I... I'M SORRY.
KUROI-KUN! DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD TRICK ME WITH THOSE?!
NO COMPLAINTS! GO STAND IN THE CORRIDOR!
PLEASE GIVE THEM BACK, SENSEI.
TH... THEY'RE EXTREMELY VALUABLE!
OH MY...
HE'S A REAL NASTY ONE, USING THEM ALL FOR HIMSELF.
AND MY CAMERA.
HE'S STILL GOT A MANGA OF MINE.
IT'S THE END IF TEACH CONFISCATES THEM.
THESE ARE PRETTY NEAT GLASSES.
AHAHAHA...
職員室

T/N: THE SIGN READS "STAFF ROOM".

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YOU CAN OPEN AND CLOSE THE EYES.
I'LL GIVE THEM A TRY RIGHT AWAY...
UFUFUFU, THEY SHOULD DO NICELY.
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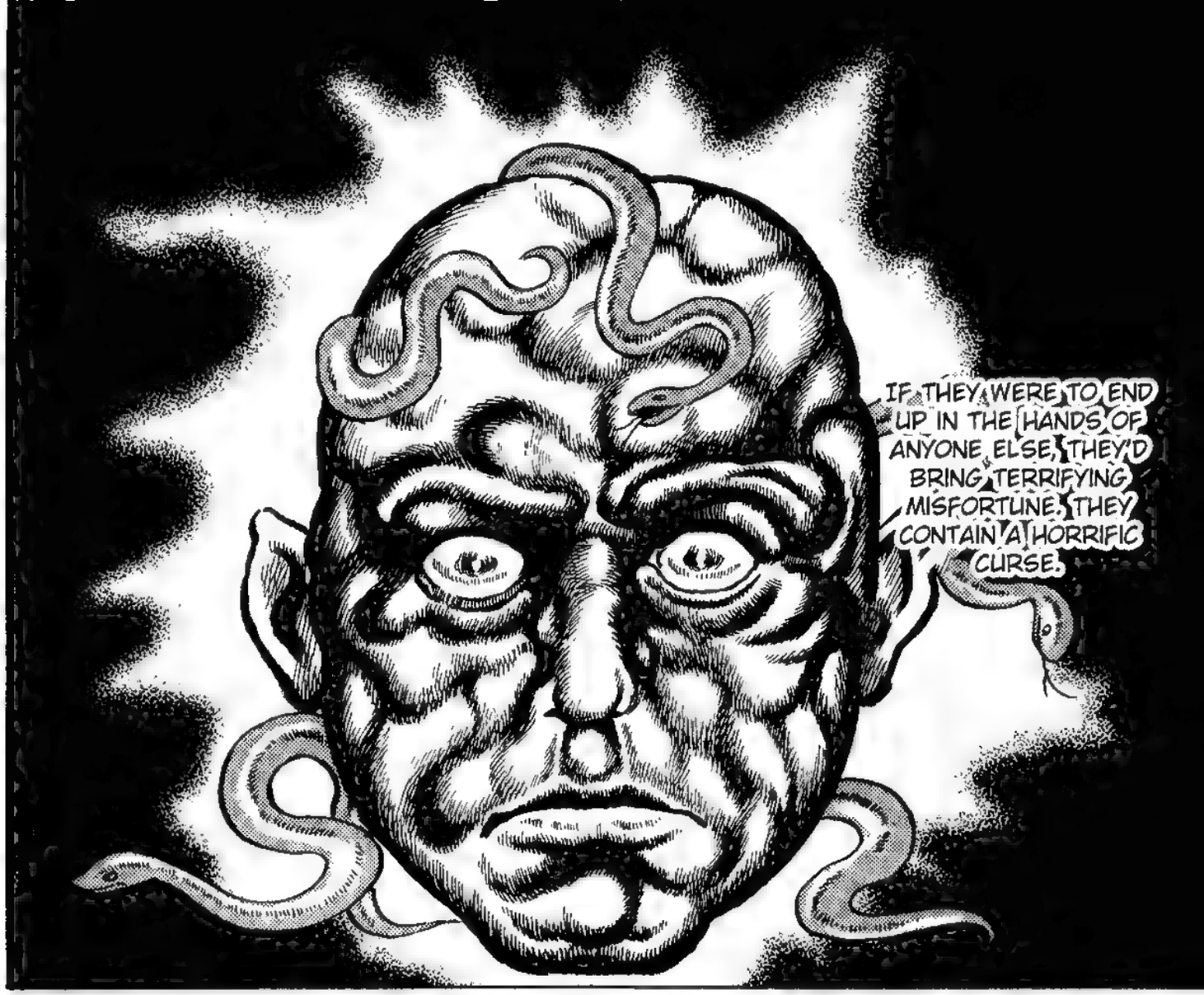
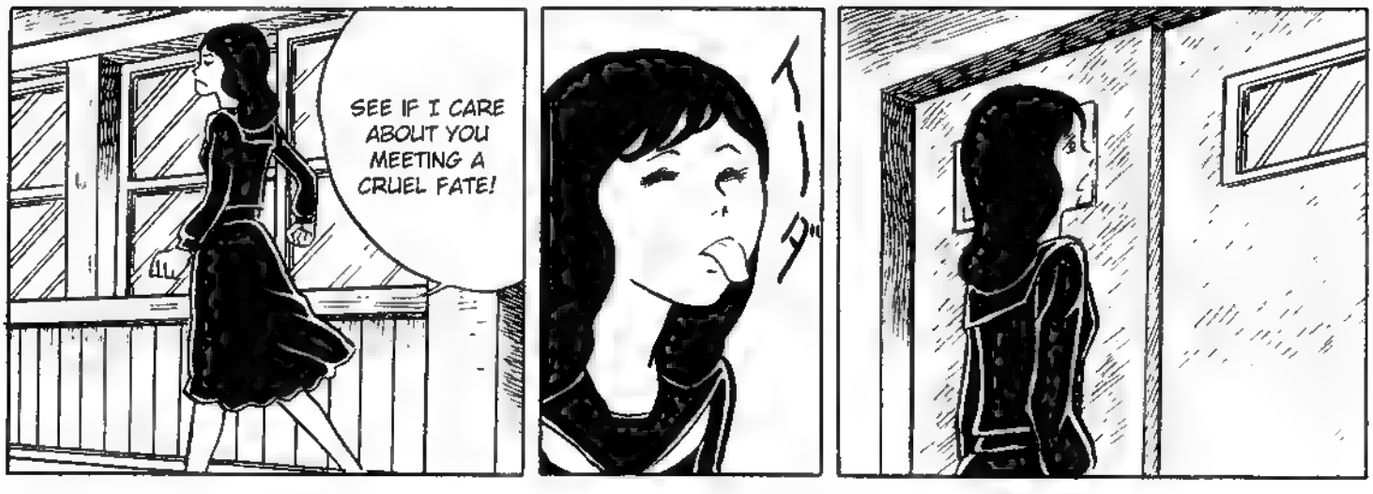
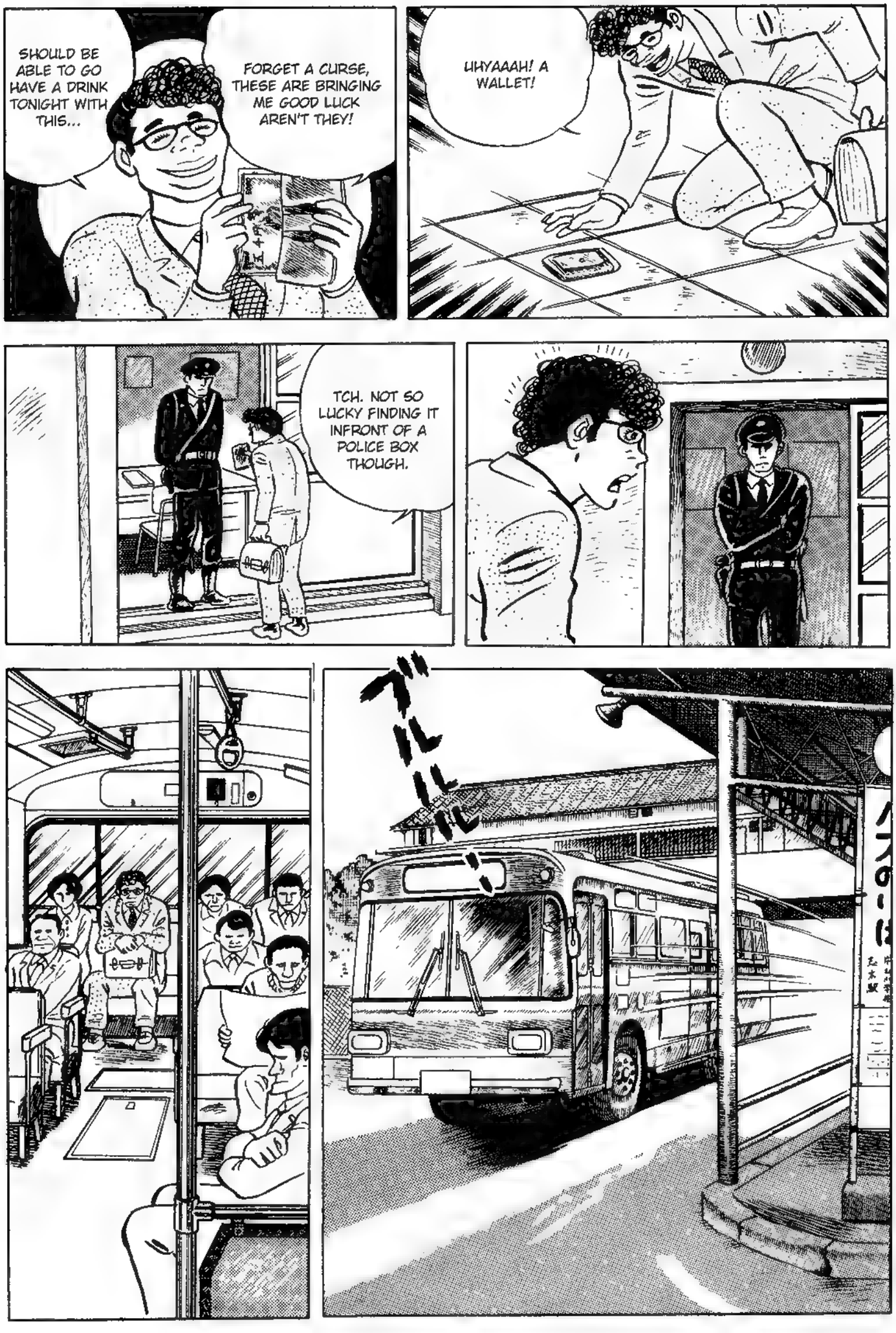
KURIHARA-SENSEI...
HMPH!
I CHUCKED THEM AWAY A WHILE BACK NOW!
I WON'T GO TO SLEEP AGAIN, SO COULD I GET MY GLASSES...
ERM.... I'M SORRY ABOUT BEFORE.
SENSEI...
THOSE GLASSES BELONGED TO THE WORLD'S GREATEST BLACK MAGIC USER...
ALEISTER CROWLEY...!
EH?!
R... REALLY?!
THAT'S TERRIBLE. WHAT DO I DO...


IF THEY WERE TO END UP IN THE HANDS OF ANYONE ELSE, THEY'D BRING TERRIFYING MISFORTUNE. THEY CONTAIN A HORRIFIC CURSE.

D... DON'T TALK NONSENSE! JUST GET BACK ALREADY!


SEE IF I CARE ABOUT YOU MEETING A CRUEL FATE!

UFUFUFU. LET'S HAVE A LITTLE FUN...
I FEEL ALMOST LIKE I'VE BECOME A GIRL WHEN I PUT THESE GLASSES ON...
OH?
OEEEH! THE HELL'S THAT!


SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO HAVE A DRINK TONIGHT WITH THIS...
FORGET A CURSE, THESE ARE BRINGING ME GOOD LUCK AREN'T THEY!
UHYAAAH! A WALLET!
TCH. NOT SO LUCKY FINDING IT INFRONT OF A POLICE BOX THOUGH.

I'LL HAVE A QUICK NAP...
ALRIGHT THEN...
HM?

HE'S BEEN STARING AT ME FOR A WHILE NOW...
WHAT'S WITH HIM...
SHIIIT, HE'S STILL DOING IT!
AAAAH!
HAH!
NEXT STOP IS HIBARIGAOKA...

HAD A GOOD SLEEP THERE.
FUAAAAH!
ワンマン出口
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IT FELT LIKE SOMEONE WAS FOLLOWING ME JUST THEN...
ODD... WAS I IMAGINING IT?
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HAH!

ARGH!
WEIRD...

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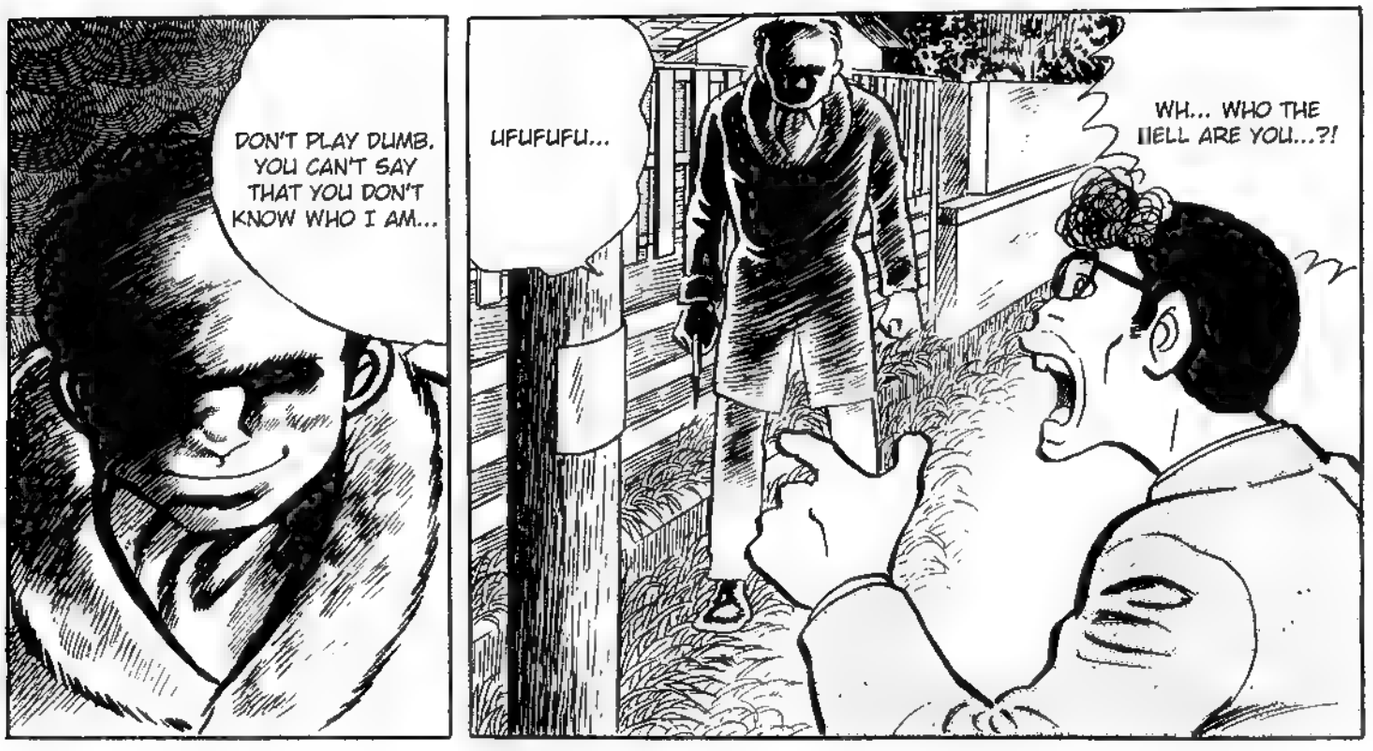
DON'T PLAY DUMB. YOU CAN'T SAY THAT YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM...
UFUFUFU...
WH... WHO THE HELL ARE YOU...?!

I DON'T, I DON'T! I'VE NO IDEA WHO YOU ARE!
TO CONFIRM THAT I WAS A CRIMINAL!
DON'T ACT ALL INNOCENT. I GUESS YOU WERE GONNA GO FIND A WANTED PHOTO OF ME SOMEWHERE...
EH?!
YOU WERE GIVING ME A REAL ODD LOOK ON THE BUS. THAT'S PROOF ENOUGH THAT YOU KNOW WHO I AM...
YOU CAN TRY AND RUSH TO THE COPS NOW, BUT I WON'T LET YOU!
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!

Y... YOU'RE WRONG! I...
YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE!
YOU'RE WRONG!
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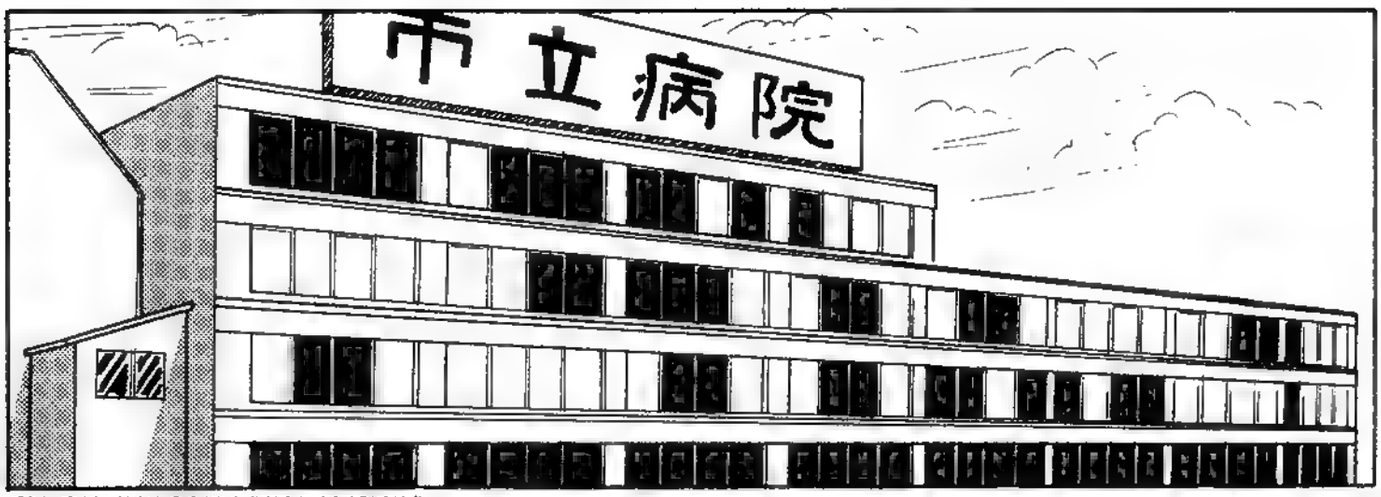

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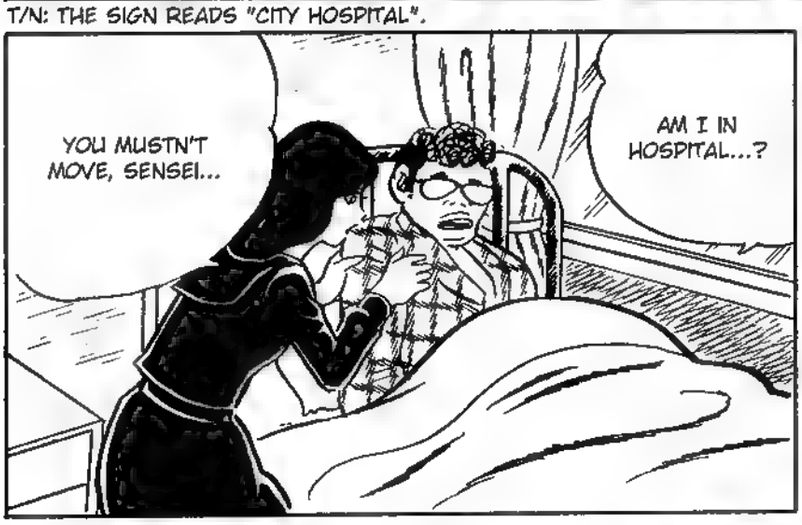

MM... SEE, I RECEIVED A REWARD FROM THE POLICE.
SO WAS HE CAUGHT IN THE END?
UFU!
SO I'LL BE TAKING MY GLASSES BACK.
THOUGH IT'S TO GO ON YOUR HOSPITAL FEES.
EKO EKO AZARAK!
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
UFUFUFUFU...
I KNOW YOU WON'T WANT TO INVITE ANY FURTHER MISFORTUNE...
WELL, TAKE CARE SENSEI...

THE DANCING COBRA

OH, ARE YOU WORKING OVERTIME TODAY, HAYAMA-SENSEI?
職員室
I'VE A TON OF TESTS TO MARK.
GUESS I'LL HAVE A LITTLE DRINK WHILE I MARK THEM...
SUNTORY
GOOD GRIEF, I'M SICK OF ALL THIS...
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I'LL BE OFF THEN, SEEYA.

T/N: THE SIGN READS "STAFF ROOM".

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IT'S HORSETAIL WEED...
THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL A LITTLE HAPPY.
AAAARGH, SPRING'S HERE ALREADY THEEEEN!
MORNING.
HEEEYA.

I'LL GO BUY SOME TOO.
OH, IS THAT ICE CREAM. LOOKS NICE...
YOU'RE HAPPY BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS GET GOOD MARKS.
IS THAT REALLY THE REASON?
I MEAN WE DO GET OUR TESTS BACK TODAY, YOU KNOW THAT.
YOU SEEM AWFULLY CHEERY TODAY KUROI-SAN. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
IT'S JUST THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING ALL NIGHT RECENTLY FOR THESE TESTS...
NOT AT ALL...
IDIOT. YOU'D HAVE BEEN FINE JUST KEEPING IT.
I'LL GO GIVE IT BACK.
THAT'S LUCKY FOR YOU, NO?
I WAS GIVEN TOO MUCH CHANGE.
OH?

SHE'S CERTAINLY AN HONEST GIRL.
AND SHE'S GONE.
THERE'S NO TIME, YOU'LL BE LATE!
ALRIGHT, YOU CAN GO ON AHEAD.
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I'D BEEN CONFIDENT ABOUT THIS TEST TOO BUT...
DAMN IIIT, NO WAY I CAN GO HOME WITH THIS.
WHAT A TERRIBLE SCORE. HARDLY THE SORT OF THING YOU CAN GET INTO HIGH SCHOOL WITH.
鷺山学園
WHAT A LETDOWN...
I'D WORKED SO HARD TOO...
I WAS WRONG, MY RESULTS WERE TERRIBLE.
EVEN MISA'S GLOOMY.

HUH, THERE'S A CROSS HERE TOO...
THIS IS CORRECT, YET WAS MARKED WRONG!
OH!
HE JUST WENT TO THE STAFF ROOM.
HAYAMA-SENSEI SOMETIMES DOES MAKE MISTAKES.
YOU SHOULD GO AND SHOW SENSEI RIGHT AWAY.
TERRIBLE, ONE HERE TOO...
WHAT IS IT...?
SENSEI!
PLEASE, LOOK HERE. THE ANSWER IS DEFINITELY CORRECT BUT...

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WOULD YOU REALLY GO SO FAR TO GET GOOD GRADES?!
HMPH! I BET YOU JUST CHANGED THE ANSWER!
EEH?!

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BUT YOU WON'T MANAGE TO DECEIVE ME!
YOU! WHAT'RE YOU STILL DOING THERE?!
HM!
SEEMS I'VE STILL SOME OF YESTERDAY'S BOOZE IN ME...
UUH... MY HEAD HURTS...
TRULY SHAMEFUL FOR A FEMALE STUDENT.
TO THINK A CUTE GIRL LIKE THAT COULD TRY TO BE SO CUNNING.
IF YOU WANT BETTER SCORES THEN YOU SHOULD STUDY MORE!
NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU HOLD OUT FOR, I'M NOT GOING TO BE TRICKED!
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YOU LOOK PALE...
WHAT'S WRONG, KUROI-SAN?

UUUH...

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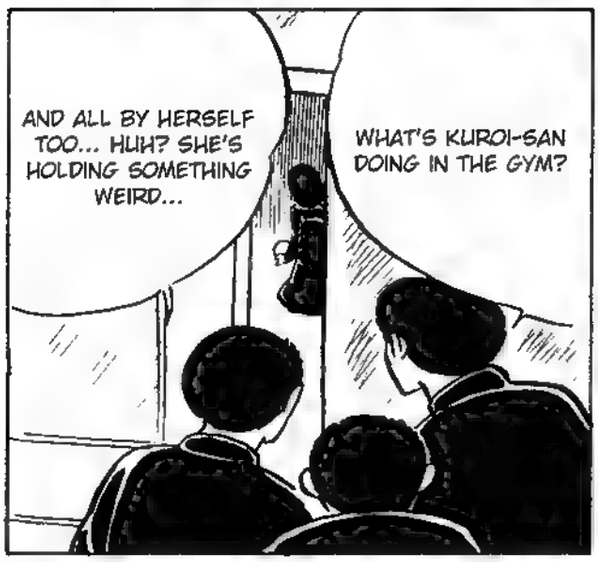
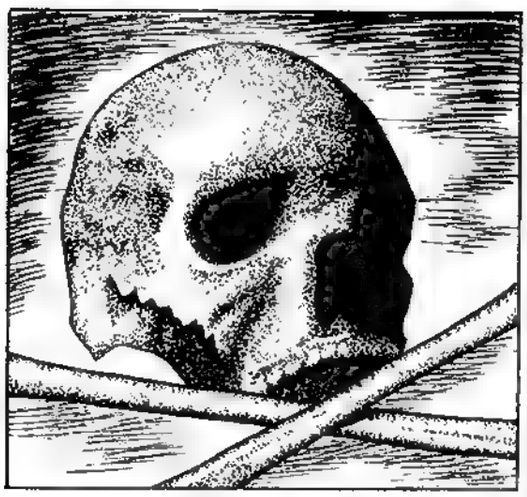
DID HAYAMA-SENSEI DO SOMETHING IN THE STAFF ROOM?
WHAT ON EARTH'S THE MATTER?
MI... MISA-SAN!
TRULY SHAMEFUL FOR A FEMALE STUDENT.
TO THINK A CUTE GIRL LIKE THAT COULD TRY TO BE SO CUNNING.
I'M SURE HE WAS MARKING THE PAPERS WHILE DRUNK LAST NIGHT!
HMPH!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, HAYAMA-SENSEI!


AND ALL BY HERSELF TOO... HUH? SHE'S HOLDING SOMETHING WEIRD...
WHAT'S KUROI-SAN DOING IN THE GYM?

AND SO, THAT EVEN-ING...



EKO EKO
ZAMERAK....

AH!
EKO EKO AZARAK!

SH... SHE'S
DANCING.
LOOK.

KLIORAN!
SAMMATAN!
RETERAK!
ENTI!
IKION!

エリオナオネル
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ARGH, A... A COBRA!
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LOOK, IT'S HEADING TO THE STAFF ROOM!
THE COBRA'S BEING CONTROLLED BY HER DANCING!

WELL, BEST OF LUCK...
職員室
ARE YOU STAYING OVERTIME TODAY TOO, HAYAMA-SENSEI?
MM.
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UH!
AAH!
WHISKY

AGRON!
VE-I-KE-O!!
SOSTEMURA!
TETRAGRAM!

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AH!
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S... SENSEI!

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HE'S DEAD!
CALM DOWN, HE'S SIMPLY UNCONSCIOUS...
EH?!

AH, IT...!
UFUFUFU. JUST A LITTLE TRICK OF MINE...
IT WASN'T POISONOUS, IT WAS SIMPLY A JAPANESE RAT SNAKE!
I HAD TO PAY HIM BACK AT LEAST THIS MUCH...
I RECEIVED AN UNBEARABLE, DISGRACEFUL SHOCK FROM HAYAMA-SENSEI...
EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
EKO EKO AZARAK!

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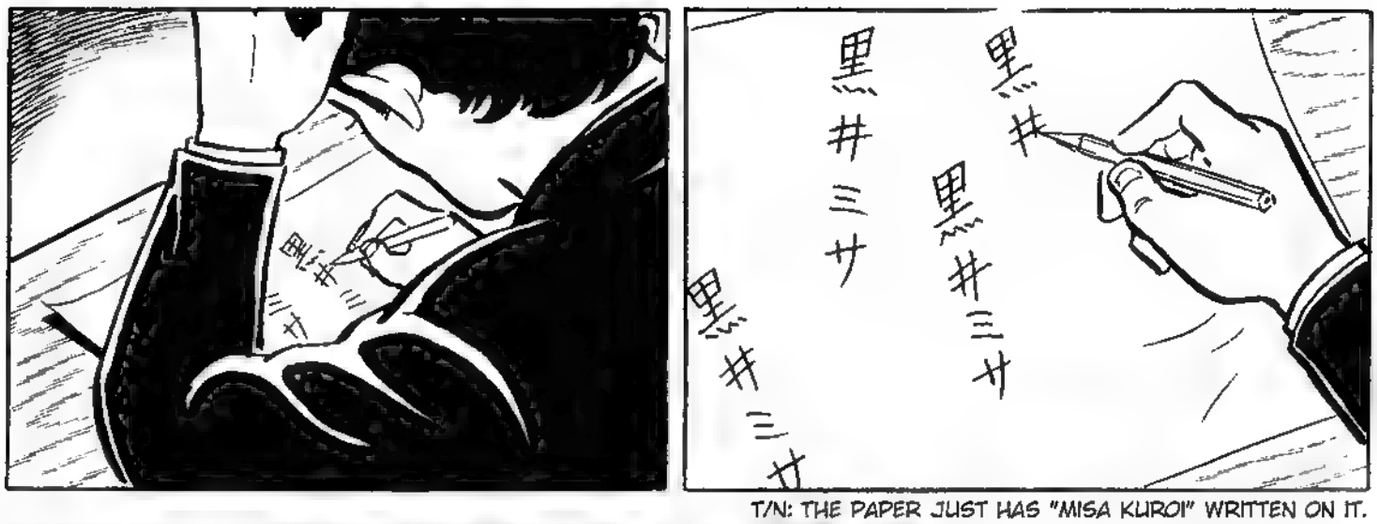
MISA'S BOYFRIEND



T/N: THE PAPER JUST HAS "MISA KUROI" WRITTEN ON IT.

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AOYAMA-SENSEI REALLY IS A STRANGE GUY.
UFUFUFU.
YEAH, YEAH, HE CERTAINLY LOOKS AT YOU DIFFERENTLY.
IF NOTHING ELSE, HE'S VERY WEAK TO PRETTY GIRLS.
REALLY, ME?
I'M SURE HE LIKES YOU, MISA-SAN.
YOU'RE SPOT ON, AHAHAHA...
IT'S A LITTLE LIKE THIS, ISN'T IT.

HE MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF JOB FOR US.
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.
AH.
SURE...
LET'S HURRY UP AND GET HOME.
CAN I HELP YOU THERE, SENSEI?
WHAT A FILTHY TEACHER. IN SPITE OF HIS AGE HE'S ALWAYS HANGING AROUND THE FEMALE STUDENTS.

UH... N... NO, NOT REALLY...
JOL.
OH MY, REALLY?
WANT ME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING FUNNY? HE ACTUALLY WEARS A WIG.
NO, IT WAS NOTHING...
YOU SAVED US, THANKS MATSUMOTO-KUN.

PRETTY AMUSING RIGHT, AHAHAHA!
NO WAAAAAY...!

I DIDN'T THINK I COULD GET SO CLOSE TO MISA-SAN SO QUICKLY...

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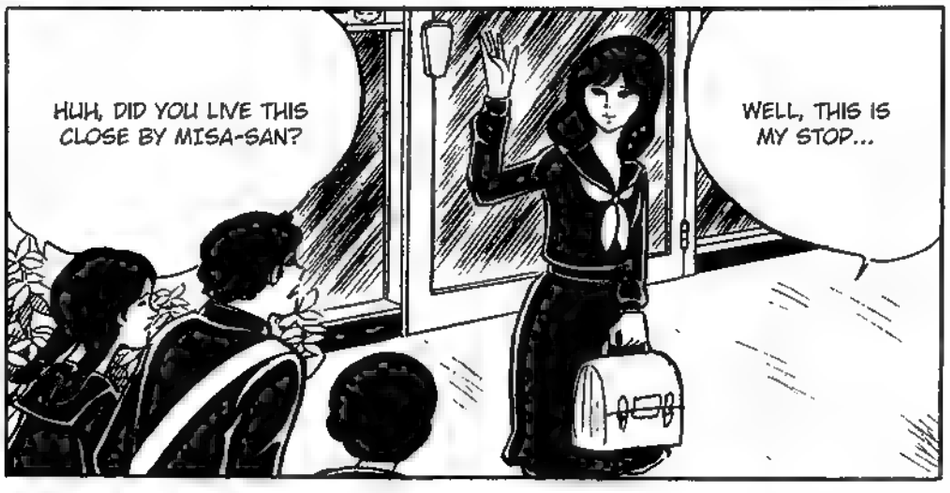
THIS IS MY CHANCE. I COULD GET TO GO HOME WITH HER EVERYDAY...
ALRIGHT...

EH?!
NO. SHE'S GOING TO MEET HER BOYFRIEND.


HUH, DID YOU LIVE THIS CLOSE BY MISA-SAN?
WELL, THIS IS MY STOP...

THEY MIGHT WELL BE LOVERS.
THEY'RE REALLY GOOD CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
ホームメイドの店
洋菓子
ロンドン
I'M SURE HE MUST BE SMARTER, AND BETTER LOOKING THAN ME.
STILL, EVEN IF THEY DO GET ON WELL, I WONDER WHAT SORT OF GUY HE IS...
OF COURSE A GIRL THAT PRETTY WOULD HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS.

ODD. ISN'T SHE BY HERSELF...
SHE'S LAUGHING...?
IT... IT COULDN'T BE THAT HE'S AN INVISIBLE HUMAN?!
WH... WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

WELL YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD A SHORT FUSE, SHOU-CHAN...
MY, DID YOU HAVE ANOTHER FIGHT?

UFUFUFU...
THAT'S SOMETHING WHICH HAS REMAINED THE SAME FOR A LONG TIME...

HAH!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW ME FOR?
TELL ME, MATSUMOTO-KUN...
WERE YOU CURIOUS BECAUSE I WAS ON MY OWN?
EVER SINCE CHILDHOOD I'VE OFTEN BEEN LONELY.
NO, PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT.

AFTER ALL, I COULD USE THEM BY MYSELF.
I ALWAYS LIKED SWINGS...
I'M SURE SHE ALSO LIKES BEING BY HERSELF.
AH, LOOK AT THAT CHILD.
I'M MAMA, AND YOU'RE PAPA.
NO WAY.
YOU CAN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN ALREADY...
DIDN'T WE JUST DECIDE THIS.

I WON'T LET YOU PLAY WITH HER EVER AGAIN.
SHE'S MY CHILD!
YOU MUSTN'T TOUCH HER!
AND WAS OFTEN SCOLDED BY MAMA...
WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I'D ALSO PLAY BY MYSELF, LIKE THAT CHILD...
YEAH, MY BEST FRIEND!
SHOU-CHAN?
BUT I'M READING WITH SHOU-CHAN.
MISA-CHAN, YOU SHOULD GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY.

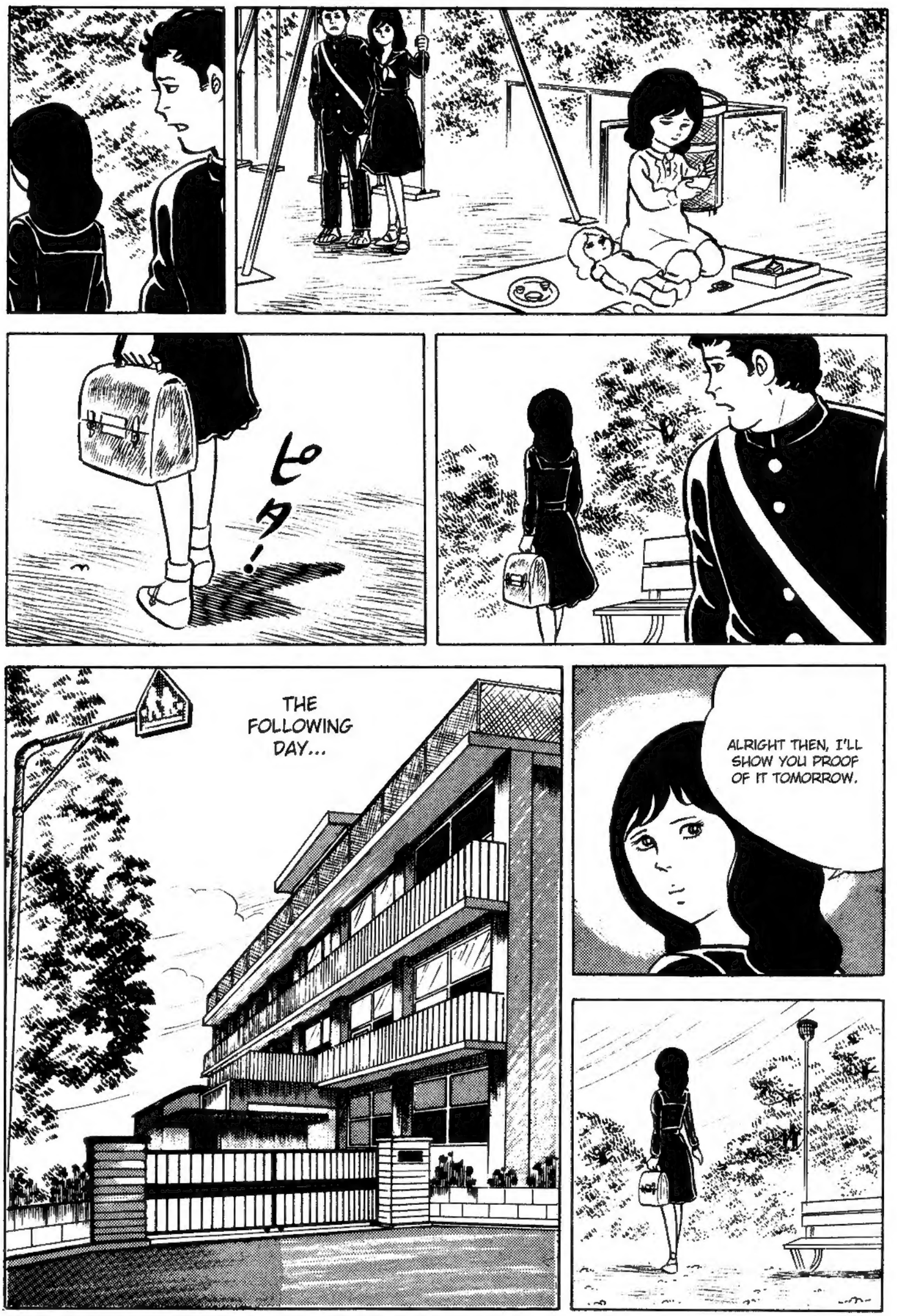
HE'S VERY KIND, AND ALWAYS PLAYS WITH ME WHEN I'M LONELY.
YOU'RE WRONG. SHOU-CHAN'S ALWAYS BY MY SIDE.
THERE'S NO ONE LIKE THAT IN THIS ROOM MISA. I'M THE ONLY ONE WITH YOU.
THERE'S NO BOY LIKE THAT HERE!
ENOUGH ALREADY!
MM... MISA HAS BEEN STAYING AT HOME BY HERSELF A LOT...
SAY DEAR, SHOULD I HAVE SAID THAT?

SOB, SOB...
HEY, SHOU-CHAN. MAMA AND PAPA WANT TO KICK YOU OUT OF THIS HOUSE.
UUUUUUH...
THEY REALLY HATE YOU.
YOU CAN CALM DOWN, MAMA AND PAPA AREN'T GOING TO KICK YOUR FRIEND OUT...
STOP WITH THOSE TEARS MISA.
PROMISE ME THEN!
MM, OF COURSE NOT.
REALLY PAPA?!

THE SAME AGE AS ME, PAPA.
BY THE WAY, HOW OLD IS SHOU-CHAN?
NOPE. HE'S GOT A BIG FOREHEAD, AND SMALL EYES, LIKE A RAT... UFUFUFU...
I SEE... IS HE ALSO CUTE LIKE YOU, MISA?
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
RIGHT. BY USING HER IMAGINATION, IT WOULD'VE THEN BEEN LIKE HE WAS ALWAYS WITH HER.
I'M SURE I'VE SEEN HIM ON TV.
UEEEEH!
SHOU-CHAN IS REALLY HERE!

FROM THEN ON, PAPA AND MAMA NEVER TRIED TO REPROACH ME.
I SEE... SO YOU'RE SAYING SHOU-CHAN IS YOUR KINDRED SPIRIT...
A KINDRED SPIRIT...?
I'M NOT SIMPLY IMAGINING HIM, HE'S NOT SOME PHANTOM...
NO, THAT'S NOT IT...

THIS HAS GOT TO BE A JOKE.
STOP THIS, MISA-SAN.
TH... THEN WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
UH!
A JOKE YOU SAY, MATSUMOTO-KUN?!
SPECIAL PHENOMENA MIGHT WELL OCCUR TO THOSE WITH FAULTLESS HEARTS.
WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG, YOUR BODY AND SOUL ARE PURE...
THAT GIRL MAY LOOK LIKE SHE'S BY HERSELF... BUT SHE MIGHT BE PLAYING WITH SOMEONE WE CAN'T ACTUALLY SEE...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THE FOLLOWING DAY...
ALRIGHT THEN, I'LL SHOW YOU PROOF OF IT TOMORROW.

I DON'T GET ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS.
AND IT'S MY WORST SUBJECT, MATHS...
CRAP. I COMPLETELY FORGOT WE HAD A TEST TODAY.
TCH. THEY'RE ALL SO QUICK.
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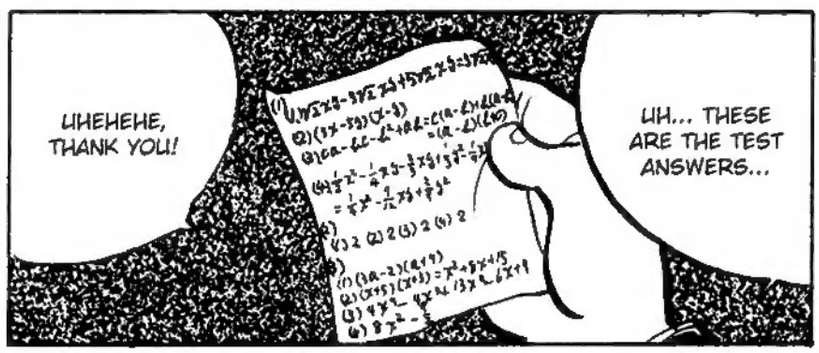
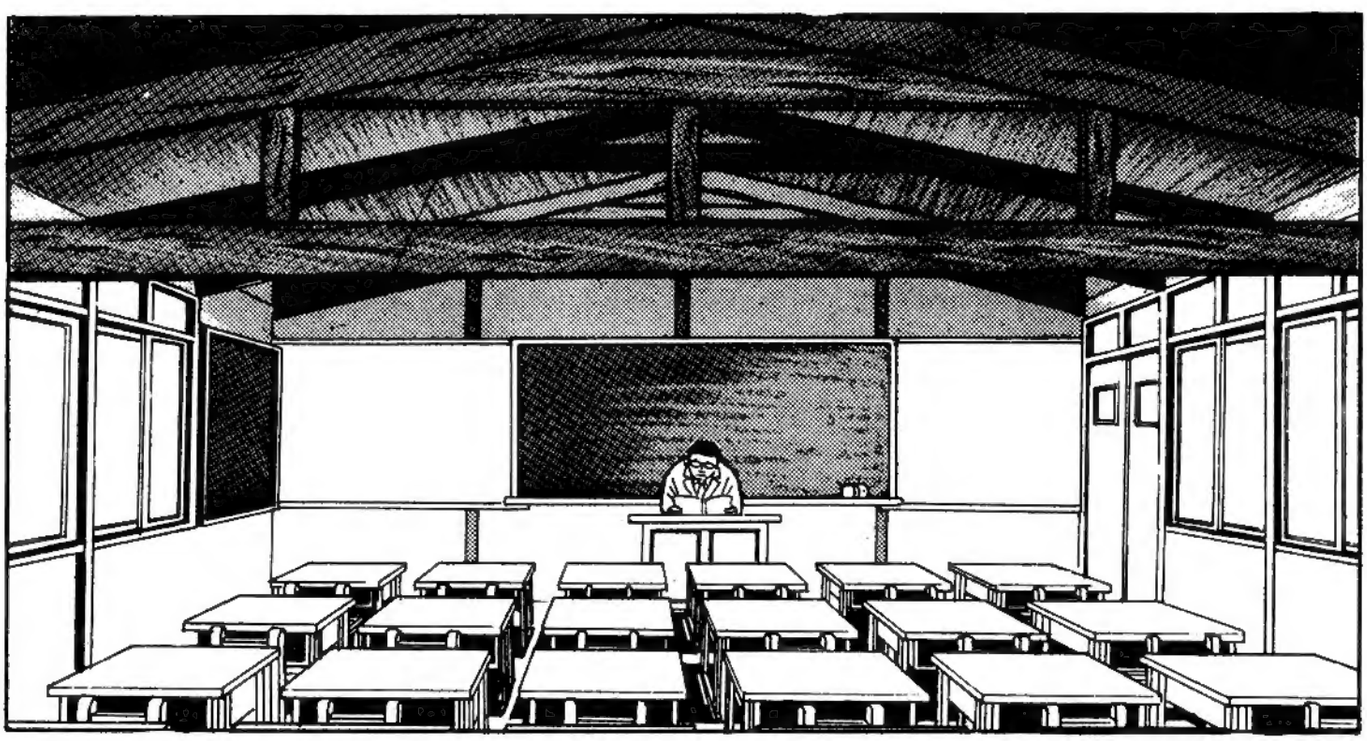
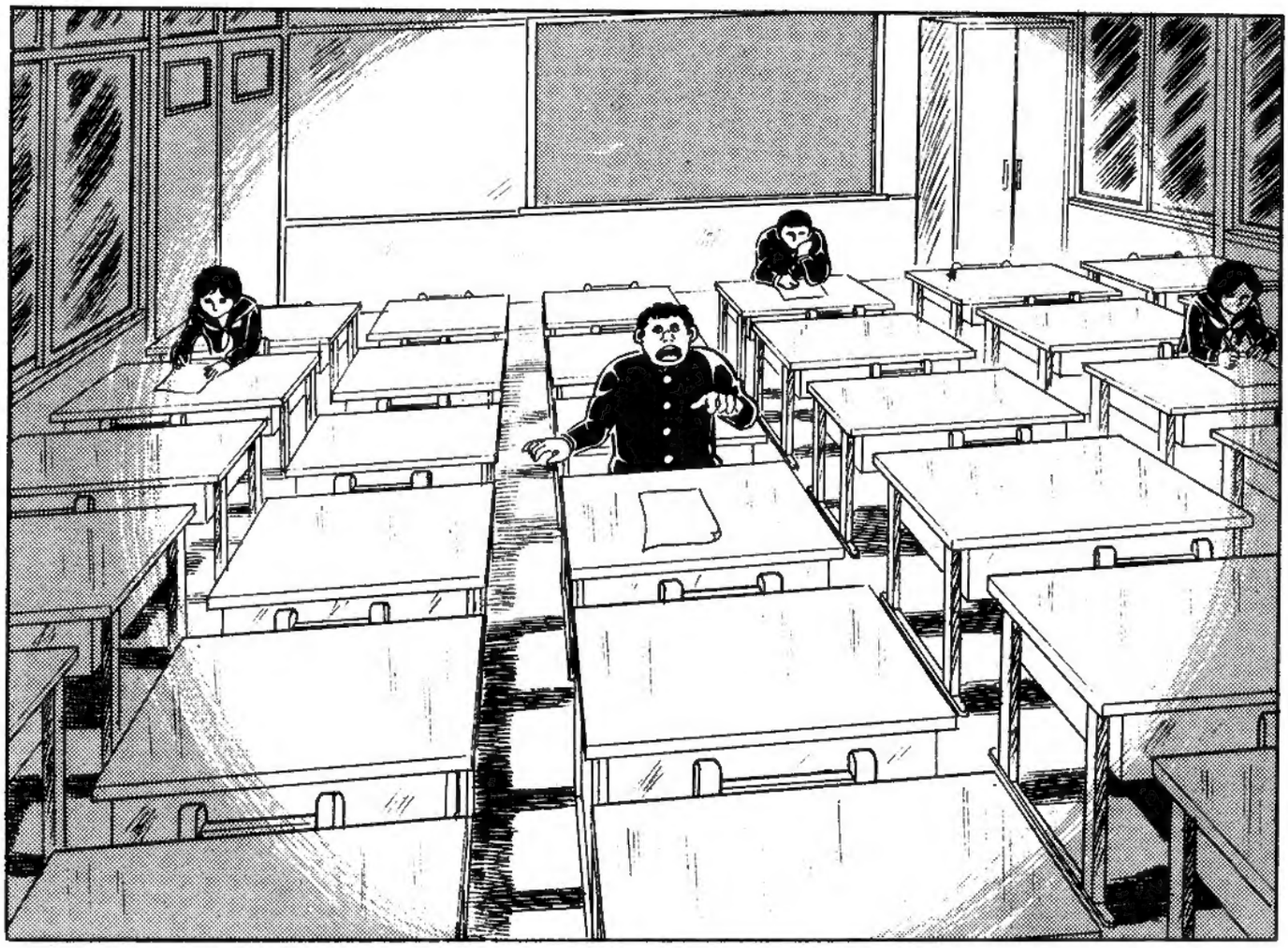
HM?

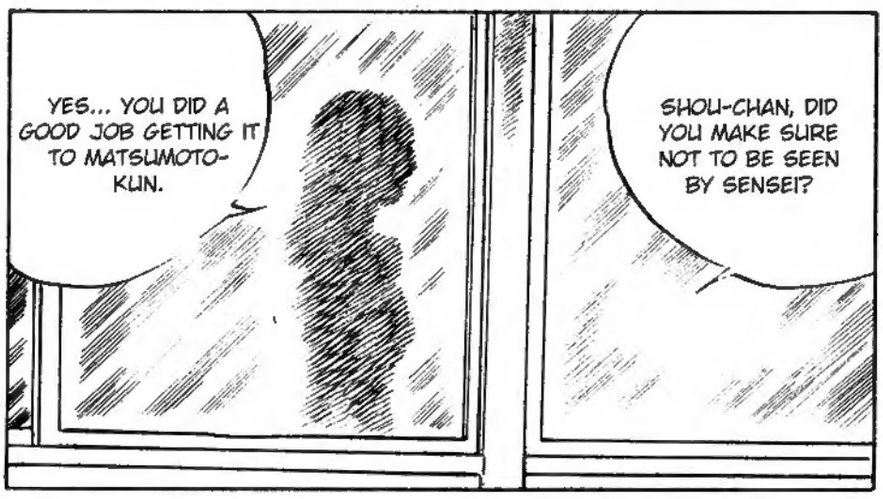
HAH!


UHEHEHE, THANK YOU!
UH... THESE ARE THE TEST ANSWERS...



TH... THEN WHOSE HAND WAS THAT?!
TH... THERE'S NO ONE INFRONT OF ME?!





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